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溝口の復帰に暗い影がさす中、山田は着実に成長してゆき

その一方、休暇中のヒロシの中では何かが変化を始める……

動き出すヒロシの"意志"は、新たな対象者に向かうが……

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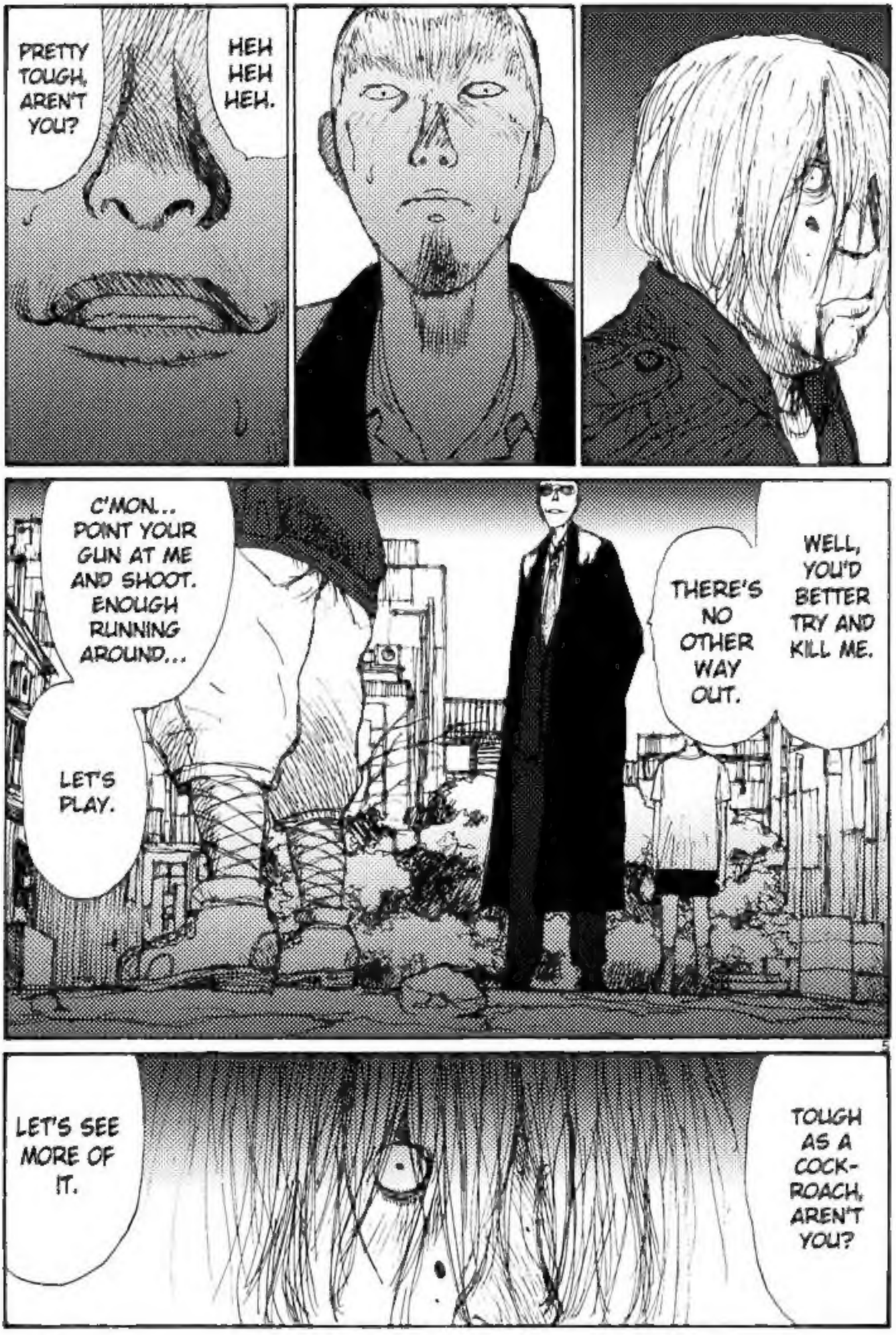
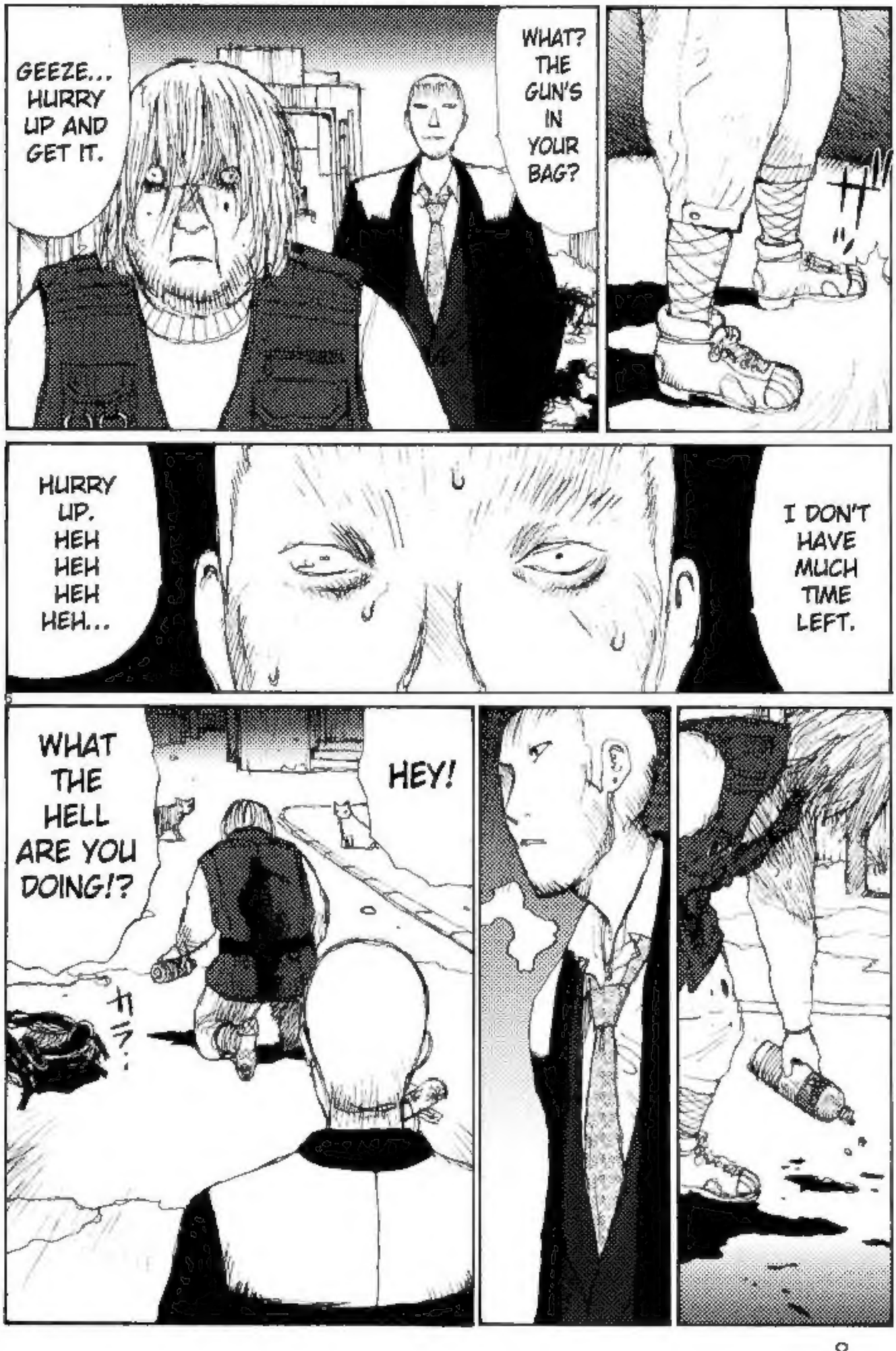
HAH
.....
.....

DID YOU SEE THAT ?
HA HA HA HA !
RUSTLE
GOD IS STILL ON MY SIDE!
I STILL HAVE MY EDGE !
LET ME EXPLAIN !
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?
HEE HEE.
HEE.

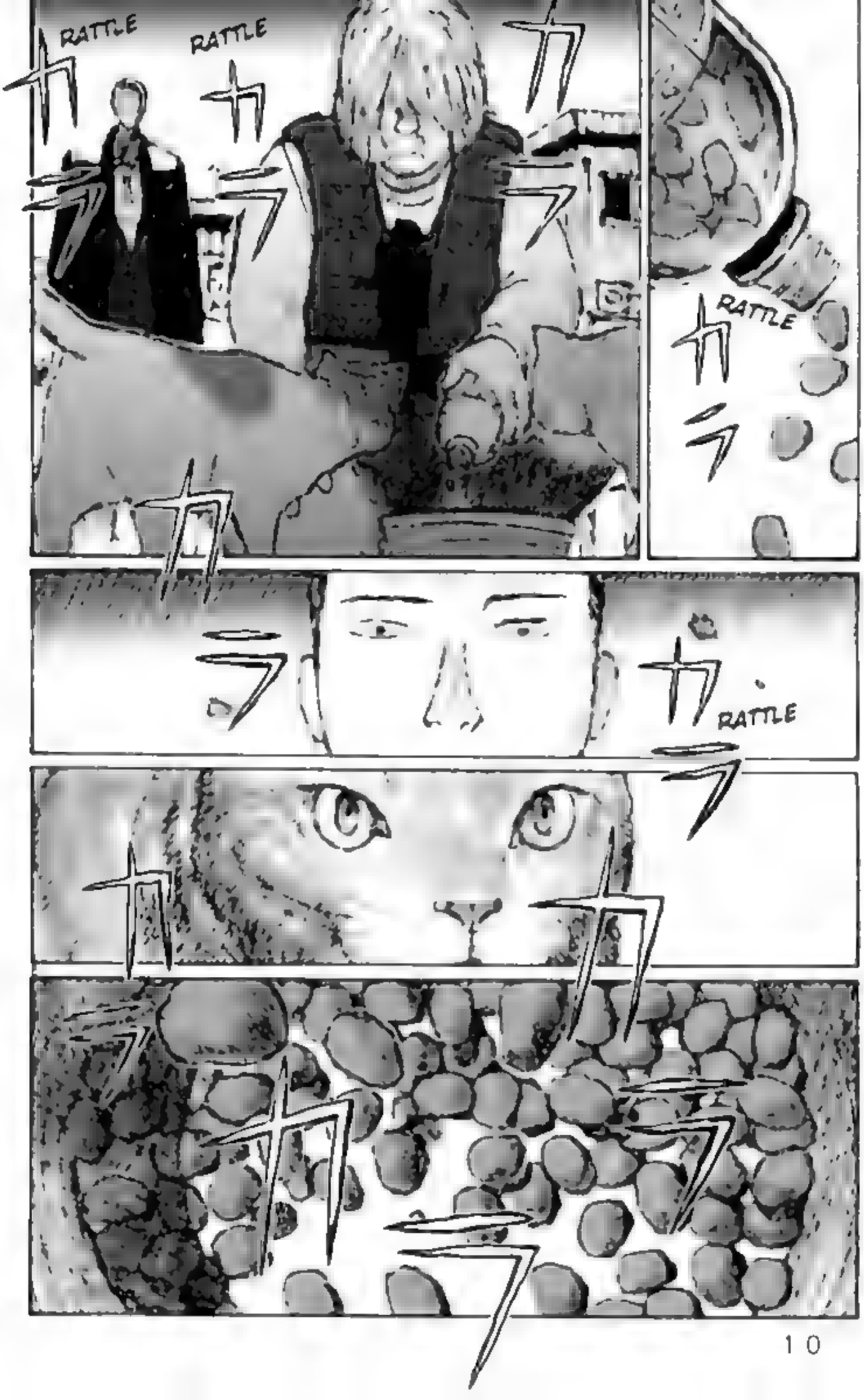
HEAVEN HELPS TALENTED PEOPLE LIKE ME! HAHA-HAHA!
THAT WAS DESTINY! GOD'S WILL!
I'M HERE TRYING MY BEST! GOT IT?!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I SIT AROUND WAITING FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN.
HAHA-HAHA...
BUT IT'S NOT SOME-THING YOU'D RECEIVE EVEN IF YOU PRAYED DAY AND NIGHT!
IT'S SOMETHING GIVEN TO ONLY A SELECT FEW!
. . .

MS OGURA ...
AREN'T YOU DEAD?
HUH ?


PRETTY TOUGH, AREN'T YOU?
HEH HEH HEH.
C'MON... POINT YOUR GUN AT ME AND SHOOT. ENOUGH RUNNING AROUND...
LET'S PLAY.
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OUT.
WELL, YOU'D BETTER TRY AND KILL ME.
LET'S SEE MORE OF IT.
TOUGH AS A COCK-ROACH, AREN'T YOU?


GEEZE... HURRY UP AND GET IT.
WHAT? THE GUN'S IN YOUR BAG?
HURRY UP. HEH HEH HEH HEH...
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
HEY!

COME FOR ME!
GET YOUR GUN!
STOP FEEDING THE CATS!
YOU OLD HAG!
STOP PRETEND-ING YOU DON'T SEE ME!
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
COME AND FIGHT!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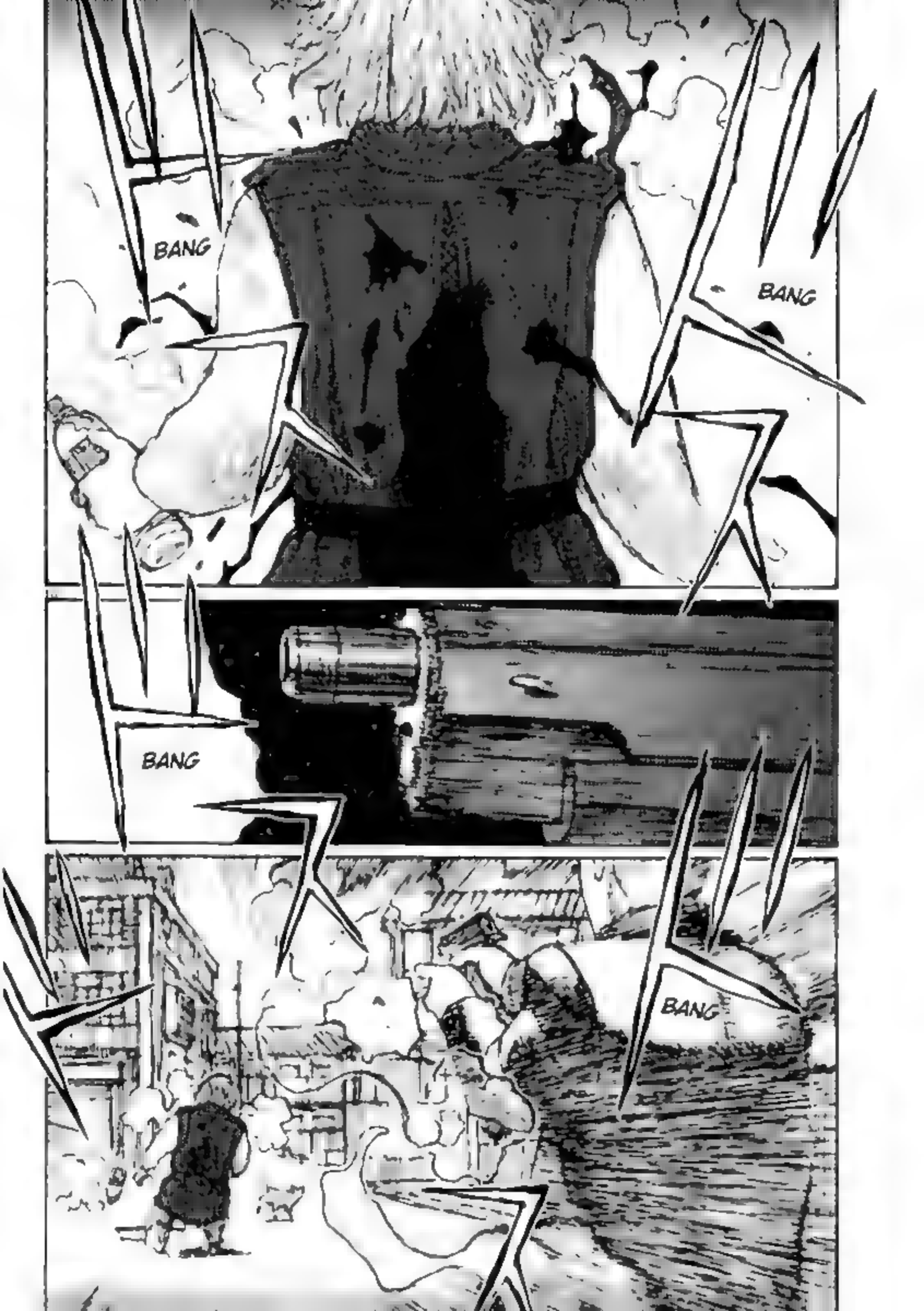
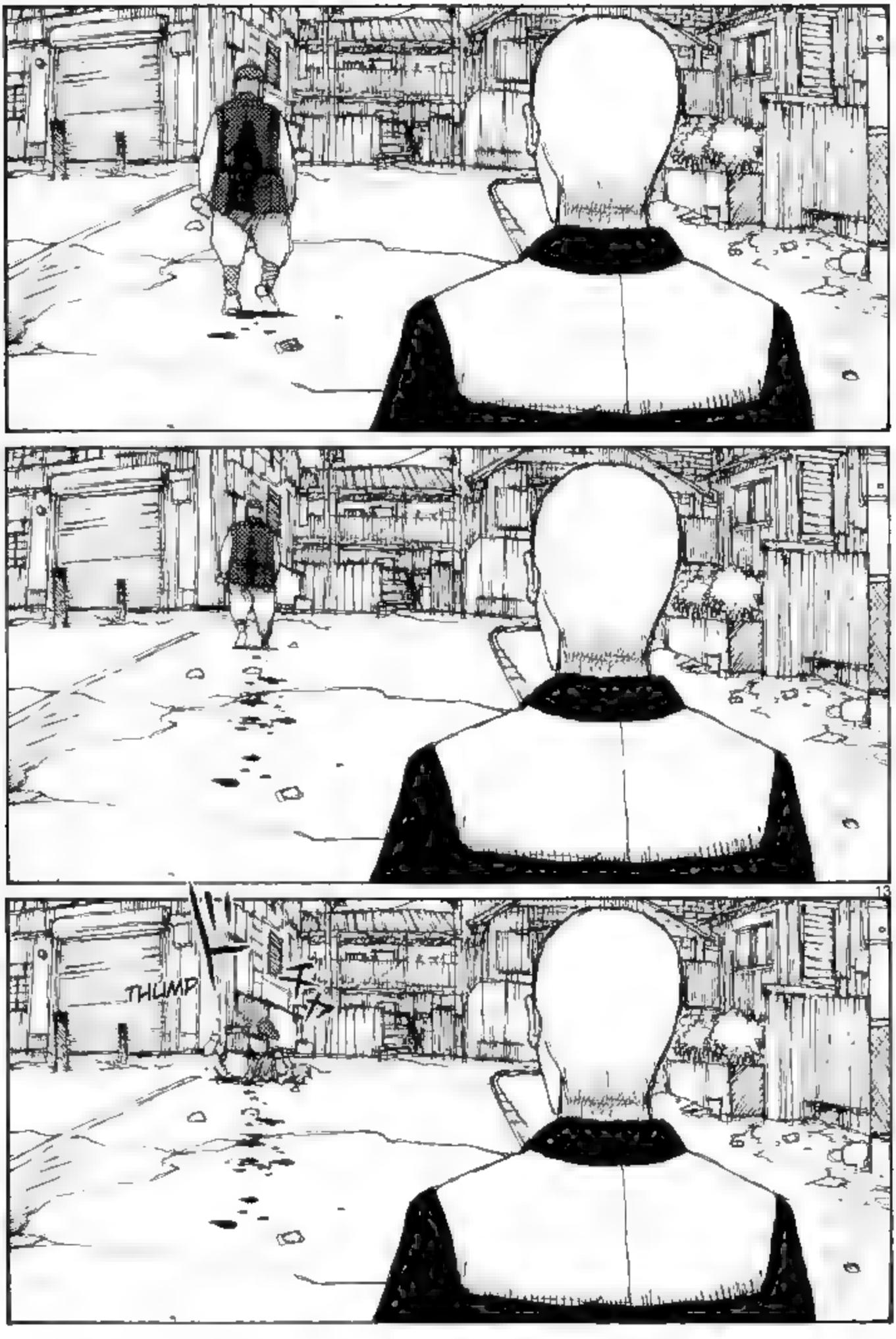
RATTLE

DON'T
IGNORE
ME,
BITCH
!!


BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG

TCHAK
SPLATTER

HOW IN THE WORLD ...
.....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THUMP

14
TOYING WITH ME...

I TOLD YOU NOT TO EXERT YOUR-SELF...
DIDN'T I, MR. MIZOGU-CHI?
PEOPLE LIKE YOU..
HAVE A TENDENCY TO PUSH YOURSELVES TOO FAR BOTH PHYSI-CALLY AND MENTALLY.

YOUR STORY THAT DAY ABOUT 'CAMOUFLAGE', FOR EXAMPLE ...
WAS RATHER HARD FOR OTHERS TO UNDERSTAND AND RELATE TO
THAT YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THESE THINGS FROM A REALISTIC AND OBJECTIVE POINT OF VIEW...
WELL, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING ...
DON'T CATEGORIZE ME.
PEOPLE LIKE ME?
I CAN'T DO MY WORK UNLESS I UNDERSTAND YOU.
OH, BUT I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN WHAT I'M THINKING THAT SIMPLY.
I TOLD YOU.. I'M NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE.
OUR COUNSELING SESSION ISN'T OVER, MR. MIZOGUCHI.
HEY... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

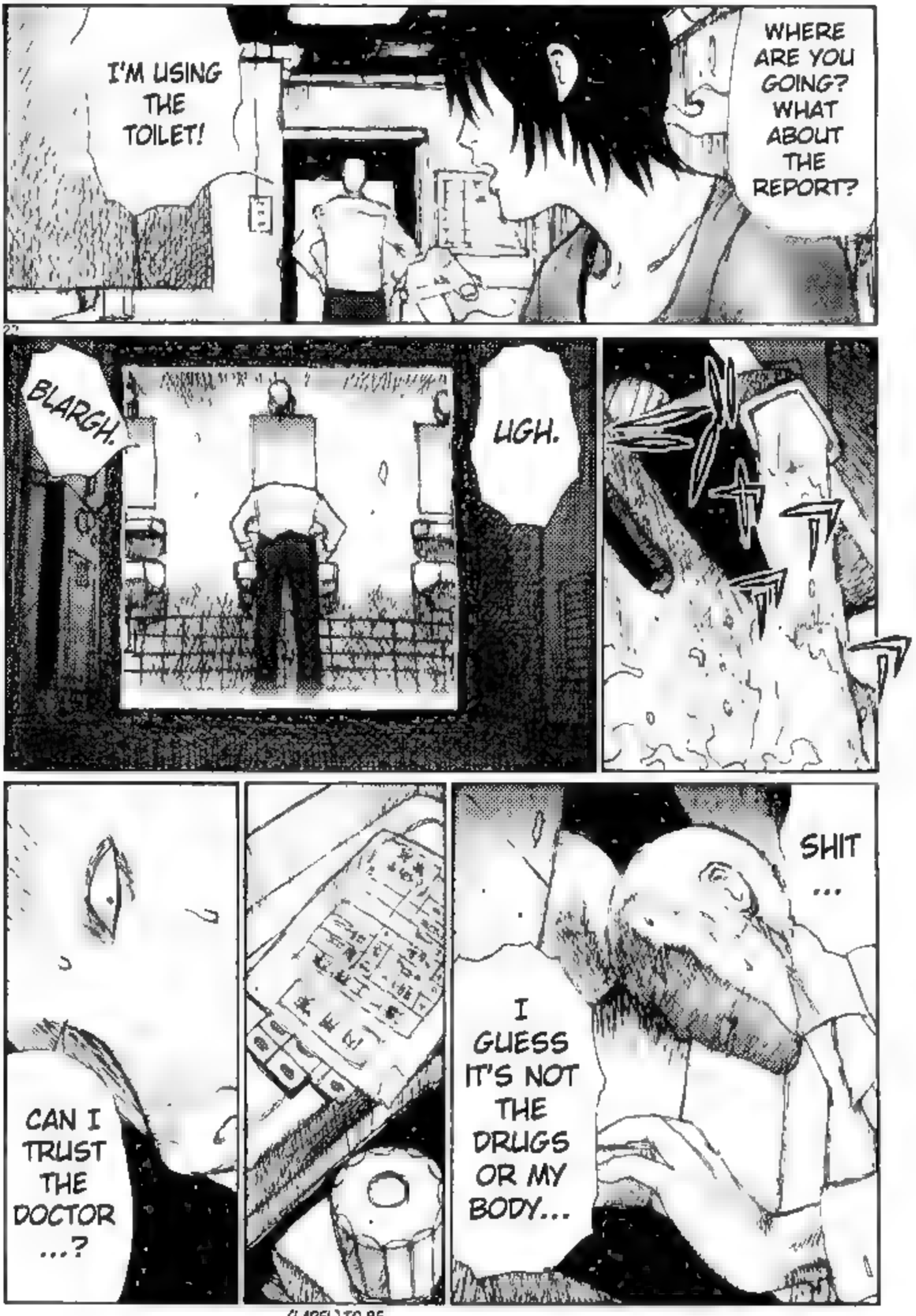
BESIDES, THERE'S NO WAY SOMEONE COULD UNDER-STAND ME OBJEC-TIVELY.
I DON'T WANT TO BE UNDER-STOOD BY YOU.
IT'S THE DRUGS YOU GAVE ME.
OH, BUT THERE'S ONE REASON FOR MY PROBLEMS THAT I'M SURE YOU CAN UNDER-STAND
HMM ...?
I ALMOST LOST MY JOB.
I WAS COM-PLETELY WRECKED AFTER TAKING THEM...
WHAT DRUGS ?
DRUGS ...?

THAT'S STRANGE ...
.....
BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M TAKING ANY MORE OF THAT POISON.
THEY MIGHT WORK FOR SOME OTHER FOOL ...
THOSE PILLS ...
WERE PLACEBOS.
THERE'S NOTHING IN THEM... NO MATTER HOW MANY YOU TAKE, THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT.
I JUST WANTED TO TEST YOU.

YOUR RESPONSE WAS FUNDAMENTALLY THE SAME AS THEIRS.
WE'VE TRIED THIS ON MANY PEOPLE BEFORE, AND A CERTAIN GROUP OF PEOPLE REACTED IN THE SAME WAY.
I DON'T LIKE THIS...
.....
YOU'RE ALSO SUFFERING FROM THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF MENTAL ILLNESS.
WELL, THANKS TO THAT, I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU.
19
MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE DOSAGE, MR. MIZOGUCHI...
I'LL PRESCRIBE SOME REAL MEDICATION THIS TIME.

AND AS FOR..
THESE CAPSULES OVER HERE, 4 TIMES A DAY.
THIS ONE TWICE A DAY. INSERT THE SUPPOSITORIES EVERY NIGHT BEFORE YOU SLEEP AND THESE YELLOW ONES ONCE EVERY 3 DAYS.
THE RED ONES, THE GRANULES, AND THE WHITE ONES BEFORE MEALS. THE BIG WHITE ONES AND THE GREEN CAPSULES AFTER MEALS.

I MEAN, YEAH, YOU WERE ON MEDICATION, BUT STILL...
THAT YOU SLEPT FOR A DAY?
SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA SAY IN YOUR REPORT?
I'M TRYING TO WRITE MY REPORT.
I DON'T KNOW... MIND NOT DISTURB-ING ME?
AND OH YEAH ...
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT, MIZOGUCHI?
GUESS SHE WAS RESIGNED TO HER FATE.
AND OH, THE PROCESSING TEAM SAID THEY COULDN'T FIND THE OLD WOMAN'S GUN.
GOT A PROBLEM ?
..... WHAT ?
YOU'D PROBABLY GET BULLIED AND LYNCHED OR BEING FORMER FORCER ...
EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU JUST NOW... Y'KNOW... IF YOU GO TO JAIL...
SHUT THE HELL UP!!


I'M USING THE TOILET!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHAT ABOUT THE REPORT?
BLARGH.
UGH.
SHIT ...
I GUESS IT'S NOT THE DRUGS OR MY BODY...
CAN I TRUST THE DOCTOR ...?
(LABEL) TO BE SWALLOWED
MR. MASAKI MIZOGUCHI

YOU'RE TOO PROUD
HAVE I BEEN WRONG ALL THIS WHILE...?
AM I GOING CRAZY ...?
AM I REALLY SICK ...?
GET BETTER WITH ME...
C'MON, TAKE THE DRUGS.
MIZO-GUCHI.

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
HEH HEH.
24
I'M NOT THAT WEAK.
I DON'T NEED THESE DRUGS TO RECOVER.
RUSTLE

I HAVE TO CHANGE IT... YEAH... THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY.
I JUST NEED TO CHANGE MY ENVI-RONMENT.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME...
YEAH ...
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME...
AHH, JUST BUY HOWEVER MUCH YOU WANT.
CAN I COME BACK FOR MORE LATER?
MR CRUNCH CRUNCH
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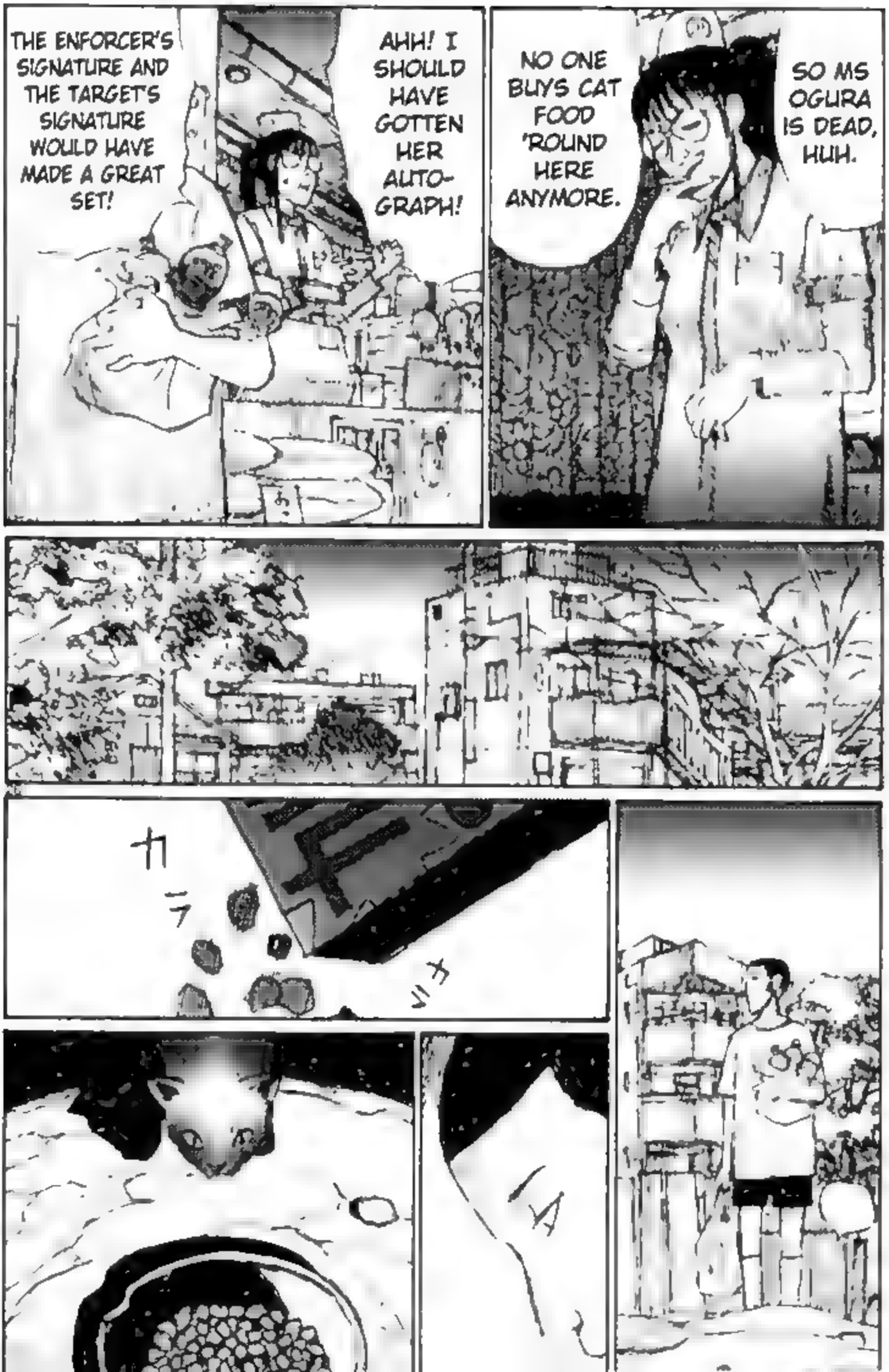

THE ENFORCER'S SIGNATURE AND THE TARGET'S SIGNATURE WOULD HAVE MADE A GREAT SET!
AHH! I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN HER AUTO-GRAPH!
NO ONE BUYS CAT FOOD 'ROUND HERE ANYMORE.
SO MS OGURA IS DEAD, HUH.
カラン
コロン

MS OGURA SURE GAVE ME SOMETHING TO MAKE MY BLOOD BOIL AND SKIN CRAWL...
TCHAK
WONDER WHY I DIDN'T REALIZE IT EARLIER.
I GUESS THAT'S THE MESSAGE SHE WAS TRYING TO SEND.
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE HELPED HER EARLIER ...?

IT'S
NOT
LOADED
...

CHAT #33 PRIVATE

GO BOBBY !

woof woof

ALL RIGHT!

DON'T GO IN SO DEEP, KENICHI!
DAD! THERE ARE FISH HERE!
KIDS THESE DAYS... WADING INTO THE RIVER ON SUCH A COLD DAY.
HMM.. I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
DON'T YOU AGREE, MOTHER ?

WOOOO
.....
DON'T BOTHER HIDING... I CAN SENSE YOU.
I CAN'T SEE YOU, BUT I CAN FEEL YOU THERE.
SO... WHAT DO YOU LOOK LIKE?
WHO ARE YOU, REALLY ...
HE'S DEAD, AFTER ALL...
THAT'S NOT WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE...?
DON'T YOU KNOW ?

THWACK
OR I'LL KEEP THROW-ING STONES AT YOU!
IF YOU WANT IT, TAKE IT BACK!
HA HA HA!
STOP IT! GIMME BACK MY COAT!
ヒュッ
WHAT'S SHE DOING ...?
HMM?
C'MON, KEI, GIMME BACK MY COAT... HEH HEH..
BUT IT HURTS! IT REALLY HURTS!

SOMEONE MIGHT TRY TO STEAL YOUR PURSE ...
ARE YOU ALONE ?
SHE'S ALMOST LIKE A CORPSE !
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
JUST SHUT UP.
THEN WE LET GO AND PEOPLE WILL SEE HER CHARGING ALON-- AHRGG!
LET'S PUSH HER AND THE WHEEL-CHAIR DOWN THE HILL!
OH! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA, KEI!

MY MOTHER'S TAKING A NAP.
WOULD YOU MIND MAKING LESS NOISE?
KEI! LET'S GET HIM!
HE'S DISSING US!
I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW ...
I'VE GOT SOME-THING IMPORTANT ON MY MIND.

LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!
HEY!
Y'KNOW HOW IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU'RE BORED.
WE'RE JUST BORED AND PLAYING AROUND.

RUMBLE
CLANK
CLANK
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
TELL ME
MAYBE YOU GUYS COULD HELP ME
WELL . MY FRIEND WON'T ANSWER ME
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
NO IDEA

THUD
SHUT UP!
KE! I'M GETTING WEIRD VIBES OFF THIS GU-- AARGG!
IT'S REALLY BAD!
IT'S BAD!
WE'RE JUST PLAYING AROUND. GET IT?
OW!
WE'RE BORED. BUT A LITTLE VIOLENCE CAN LIVEN THINGS UP.
OW!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LIVEN THINGS UP?

I MEAN ...
GRAB!
HA HA HA
SOME-THING LIKE THIS!
.....

WHERE DID HE GO?
WHAT ?
HUH ?
CRACK

KEI--
DID YOU SEE THAT ?
HUH ?
2…
4… 3…
6…
5…
!!!
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
9 8 7
H--
H--
H--
H--
WAAA AAHH !

KEI...
10
11
13 12
THEY TAUGHT US TO DO IT IN 5 SECONDS IN THE ARMY...
I'VE GOTTEN SLOPPY.
8 SECONDS ...

THUD
STOP IT, PLEASE!
STOP IT!
S--
HE'S GONNA DIE!

TELL ME IF I'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG.
WHY DID YOU STOP ME? DIDN'T YOU WANT THIS?
AHHH !
EEP!
WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER ?
WELL ?
HELLLP!!

SEAFOOD & FISH
I ONLY DID WHAT THEY WANTED ...
I STILL DON'T GET IT.
I DID WHAT HE WISHED FOR, BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
JUST LIKE THAT OTHER TIME.

TO FIND THAT SOME-THING TOO.
YOU'VE GOT...
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND.
YOU'RE MISSING SOME-THING...
MAMA-!!
I WANT MIITA CHIPS!
WAAAAH!
I WANNA EAT MIITA CHIPS!!

BUY MIITA CHIPS !!
SNACKS
MAMA- !! COME BACK!
TAP
MIITA
MAMA!
SOB SOB
WAAHH...
THAT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY, RIGHT ?
IF YOU WANT IT SO MUCH, I'LL BUY IT FOR YOU.
!

STOP THAT!
HEY!
... WHY WON'T YOU BUY IT?
MAMA!!
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO HOME.
SNIFF
SNIFF
HE DOESN'T REALLY WANT IT.
.....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT'S THE POINT?
C'MON.
WHAT'S THE POINT?

HUH? DON'T COME NEAR ME!
I JUST--
TELL ME THAT MUCH, AT LEAST.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND... THEN WHY WAS HE ASKING FOR IT?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
DOES IT MATTER?!
SHUT UP, YOU STUPID BRAT.
MAMA, YOU'RE BAD...

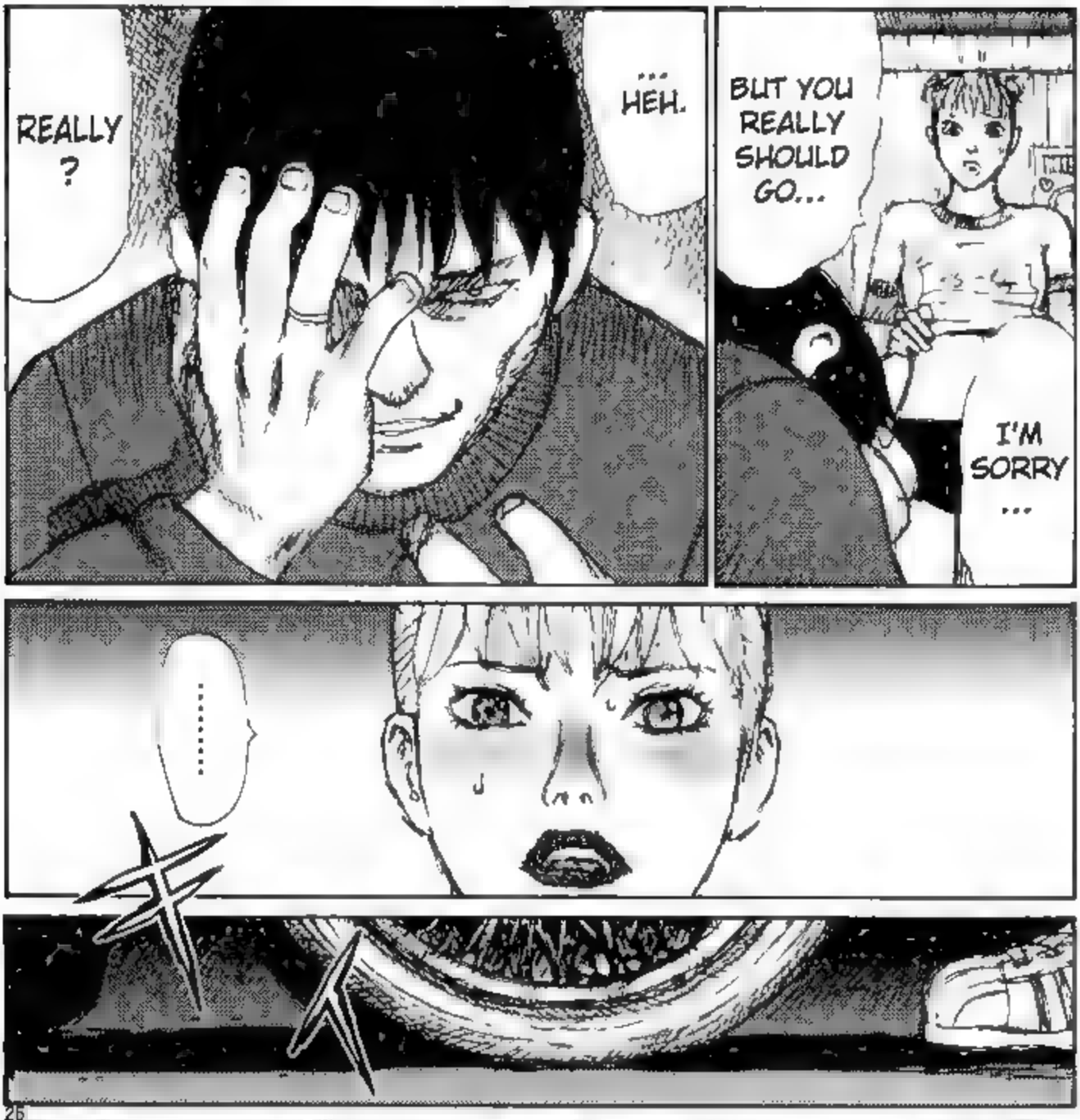
I DON'T GET THAT AT ALL.
STRANGERS ARE SO HARD TO UNDER-STAND...
HE DIDN'T REALLY WANT IT...?
ARE YOU STUPID!? DO YOU THINK THE CAT POPULATION WILL DROP IF YOU FEED THEM?!
NOD NOD
WE'LL RETURN AFTER THESE MES-SAGES
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND ?!
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T FEED STRAY CATS!!
WHY?
C... CALM DOWN.

KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
HUH ?
DING
DONG
2-4
I'M COMING ...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOCK SO LOUDLY...
JUST A MINUTE, HIROSHI.
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
AH... IT'S ALREADY EVENING.
HIROSHI MUST BE BACK...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
OH... SUZUKI.
HEY KEIKO.
I JUST CAME FROM HOME.
AHH... IT'S NOTHING... QUARRELED WITH MY WIFE AGAIN..
3-4

I'LL BE FAST.
EH HEH HEH. ALL RIGHT.
YOU'D BETTER GO BEFORE THAT.
WELL... IT'S NEARLY DINNER-TIME.
CRASH
STOP IT--!
KYAAH !

I'VE TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF...
YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS TOO, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHAT WE ALWAYS DO.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
ENOUGH !
LET'S GET IT ON...
DO I HAVE TO MAKE YOU?
OW--

.....
AHRGG!
STOP IT!


REALLY ?
... HEH.
BUT YOU REALLY SHOULD GO...
I'M SORRY ...
.....

I SHOULD BUY DINNER.
IT'S GETTING LATE...

THUD
KYAAA!
CHAT #34 PRIVATE (2)

YOUR RAPE FANTASIES THIS TIME, IS IT!?
ACTING ALL INNOCENT NOW, HUH?

YOU WANT KANO TO SEE US?
SO...
T-- THAT'S NOT IT. HIROSHI WILL BE BACK SOON...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW !?
CASUAL SEX IS YOUR LITTLE ACT OF REBEL-LION.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH HIM.
HE'S TRYING TO CHANGE!
HIROSHI LISTENS TO ME, NOT TO HIS
FRIEND...
I'M NOT GONNA DO THIS SORT OF THING ANYMORE !
WHAT

LIKE I CARE ?
DO I LOOK ...
DO YOU THINK I'LL STOP NOW?
NO!!
AHH ...
STOP IT!
NO...
AHH ...
AHH...
OHH ...
HEY!

OHH... AHH...
AHH... AHH...
I'VE BARELY STARTED AND YOU'RE ALREADY THIS WET, YOU LITTLE WHORE.
PANT
UHH...
SQUELCH
PANT
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
S-- S... STOP IT...
ALL YOU WANT IS SOME OF THIS.

THWAD
AHH!
AAAAH!
THWAD
THWAD
AHH!
AND YOU WANTED TO STOP?!
PANT
PANT
OHHH YEAH.
HA HA HA HA HA HA ...
WAA HA HA HA HA HA ...

KANO
...
PANT
PANT
PANT
HEH.
YOU'RE INTER-RUPTING.
BUT WOULD YOU MIND LEAVING?
I'M SORRY ...
MOTHER'S TIRED. SHE SHOULD GO TO BED SOON.

SQUELCH
SO HOW HAS HE CHANGED, HUH?!
UHH!
AHH!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, KANO.
HAHA ...
I'M NEARLY DONE!
AHH!
AHH!
JUST GIVE ME A MOMENT, KANO! HAHAHA ...
BEEP
AHH!
AHH!
AHH!
AHH!

JUST BACK FROM THE FRONT LINES, SOLDIERS FROM THE 7TH DIVISION WERE TREATED TO A MOCHI-MAKING FESTIVAL...
AS A REWARD FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

NOTE: MOCHI - JAPANESE RICE CAKE

NO... DON'T ...
THWAP
HEH HEH... FROM BEHIND NOW.
BEEP
THE DECEASED, 10-YEAR-OLD KENICHI MATSUDAIRA, WAS ON HIS WAY TO MARUMARU MUNICIPAL GRADE SCHOOL...
BEEP
EARLIER THIS EVENING, A YOUNG BOY DROWNED IN THE MARUMARU RIVER.
HELP ME, MEOW RANGER !
THE TORTOISE-SHELL CAT IS HERE TO FIGHT EVIL... THE MEOW RANGER !!
AHHHHHH!!
BEEP
AS A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN, I CANNOT LET THIS PASS!
TAKE YOUR FILTHY PAWS OFF HER! LET THE GIRL GO!

BEEP
I WANNA EAT MIITA CHIPS!!
MEOW RANGER ... ATTACK!
BEEP
YOU'RE MISSING SOME-THING ...
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND.
BUT A LITTLE VIOLENCE CAN LIVEN THINGS UP.
WE'RE BORED.
BEEP

CAW
BEEP
AHH!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
BEEP
AND KEEP WATCH.
HIROSHI. STAND THERE ...
BEEP
H-- HELP!!

NOOOO!!
I HAVE TROUBLE UNDER-STANDING STRANGERS ...
I'M NOT LIKE MY FRIEND ...
BEEP

NHC NEWS
BUT SOME THINGS ARE STILL UNCLEAR AND THESE UNKNOWN ELEMENTS ARE A CAUSE FOR CONCERN.
THE PREVIOUS INCIDENTS STEMMING FROM HIROSHI KANO'S FUTURE ACTIONS HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION.

HE ...
DOESN'T REALLY WANT IT.
YOU'VE GOT TO FIND...
THAT SOME-THING TOO.
HELP !!

YOU SHOULD STOP.
KEIKO DOESN'T WANT THAT.
..... HUH?
HIROSHI ...?
H--
AS A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN, I CANNOT LET THIS PASS!
TAKE YOUR FILTHY PAWS OFF HER! LET THE GIRL GO!
THUD

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU JUST SAID!!
MOTHER'S TIRED. SHE SHOULD GO TO BED S--
... ONE MORE TIME?
SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME.
I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEM-BER..
I'M SORRY.

HIROSHI!

CRACK
UGH ...
CRASH
LET GO OF ME!
STOP IT!
THUD
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF, KANO YOU COWARD!

THEY DIDN'T WANT WHAT THEY ASKED FOR.. TELL ME WHY...
THOSE GUYS EARLIER WERE THE SAME...
WHY DO ALL OF YOU LIE?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...
... AND WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?
GRAB

INSTEAD OF SCREWING THAT CHICK, I'LL REARRANGE YOUR FACE...
I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.
GET OUT !!

I'LL CALL THE POLICE !
I KNOW YOU'RE AN EX-CON!
D-- DAMNIT ...
WHAT THE HELL ...
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS.
SHIT .....
HIROSHI !!
3-4
.....

ANSWER ME!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WAKE UP!
DON'T DIE, HIROSHI!
... KEIKO ...
G-- GIVE ME AN ANSWER ...
3-4
MAKE ME FEEL GOOD.
IT DOESN'T ...
BUT IT ALWAYS ENDS BADLY...
I'VE... BEEN TRYING TO DO WHAT PEOPLE WANT...
WHAT IS IT?
WHA--
4

I WASN'T WRONG THIS TIME, WAS I...?
I DID WHAT YOU WANTED ...
TELL ME...

I WON'T COMPLAIN ANYMORE.
Y-- YOU DID ENOUGH.
I WON'T DO THIS ANYMORE ...
PLOP
PLOP
I'VE BEEN A BAD GIRL...
SO PLEASE ... DON'T DIE...

CHAT #35 RESHUFFLE

STEPHEN GATSU ZYPH
HAWKS OMANGA
AHH... I SCREWED UP AGAIN...
BEEP
BEEP
I USED TO BE AN ACTOR ...
I'LL BE RUNNING IN THE NEXT ELEC-TION...
MY NAME'S KOYAMA USSHI.
VICTORY!
BEEP
AHH... I SCREWED UP AGAIN.
手権
BEEP
LUNCH IS READY!
BEEP
YOU'RE AT A LOSS FOR WORDS AGAIN?

CLATTER
IT'S SILLY. HE MARRIED SOME POP STAR AND GOT INTO THE DIET.
THE MEDIA CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF HIM.
HE'S ON EVERY CHANNEL TODAY.
I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO INTEREST-ING ABOUT HIM.
I FOUND THIS RECIPE FOR IT.
ANYHOW, TRY THE SOUP. IT SHOULD BE YUMMY.
AHH... IT'S GOOD.
WELL ?
SURP
I'LL KEEP TRYING NEW RECIPES IN FUTURE!
REALLY !? THAT'S GREAT ...

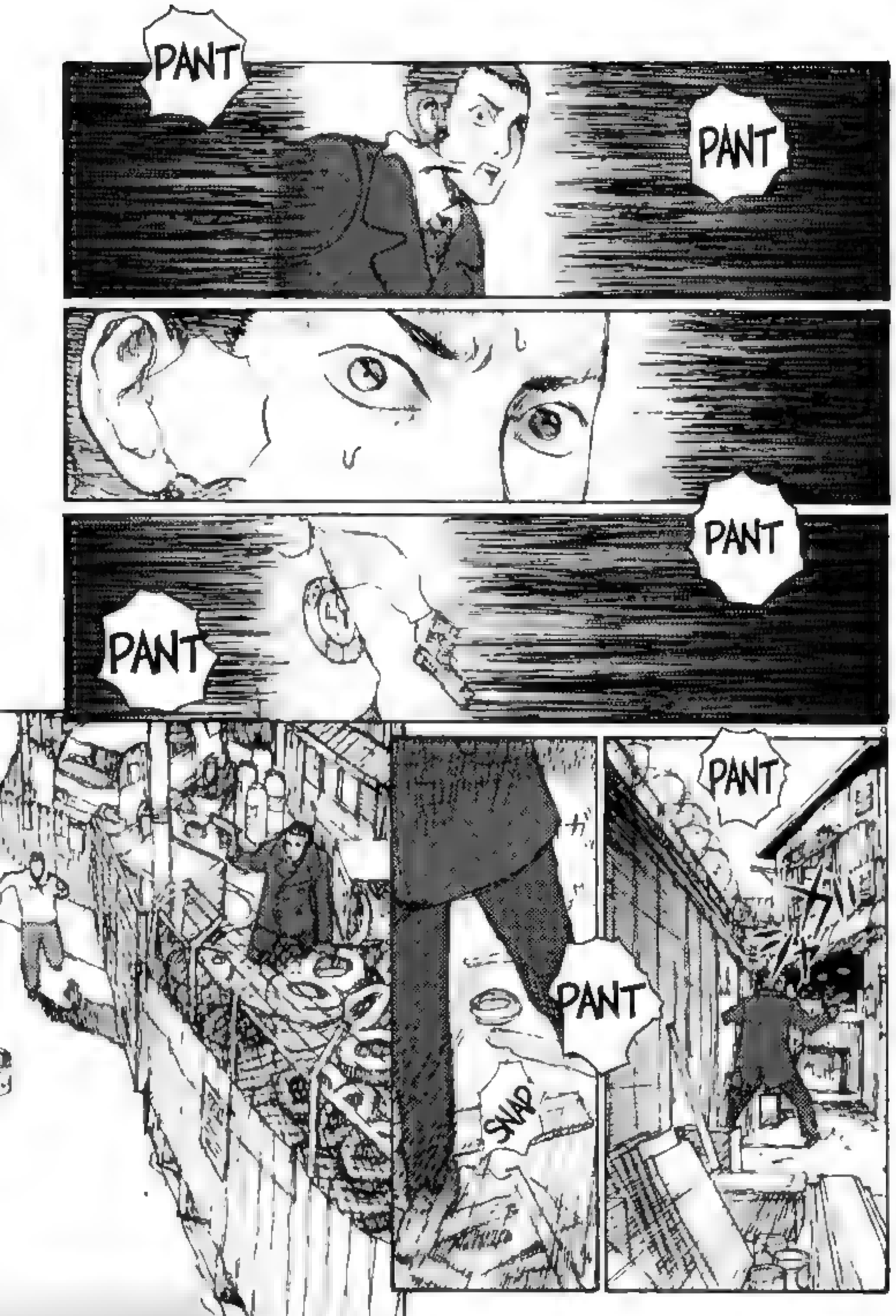
PFFFT
SLURP
WHAT SHOULD I TRY NEXT...
SPIT
SPIT
BLAR GGH!
CLATTER
RUUING

RII III NG
RIIIIING
RIIIIING
RIIIIING
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF LUNCH RIGHT NOW!
I'M HEARING THINGS AGAIN..
WHO ARE YOU!?

PANT
PANT
PANT
BANG
BANG
!

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE AND TRAIL HIM! I'LL FINISH THE JOB!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO KANEKO..
THE TARGET R-- RAN DOWN AN ALLEY... I MISSED HIM..
IIJIMA! WAS THAT YOU SHOOT-ING?
BEEP
PULL YOUR-SELF TOGETH ER!
A-- ALL RIGHT ...
RIGHT.
THIS IS GETTING TOUGH.
SHIT ...

PANT
PANT
WAAAAAHH!!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
ED
HELP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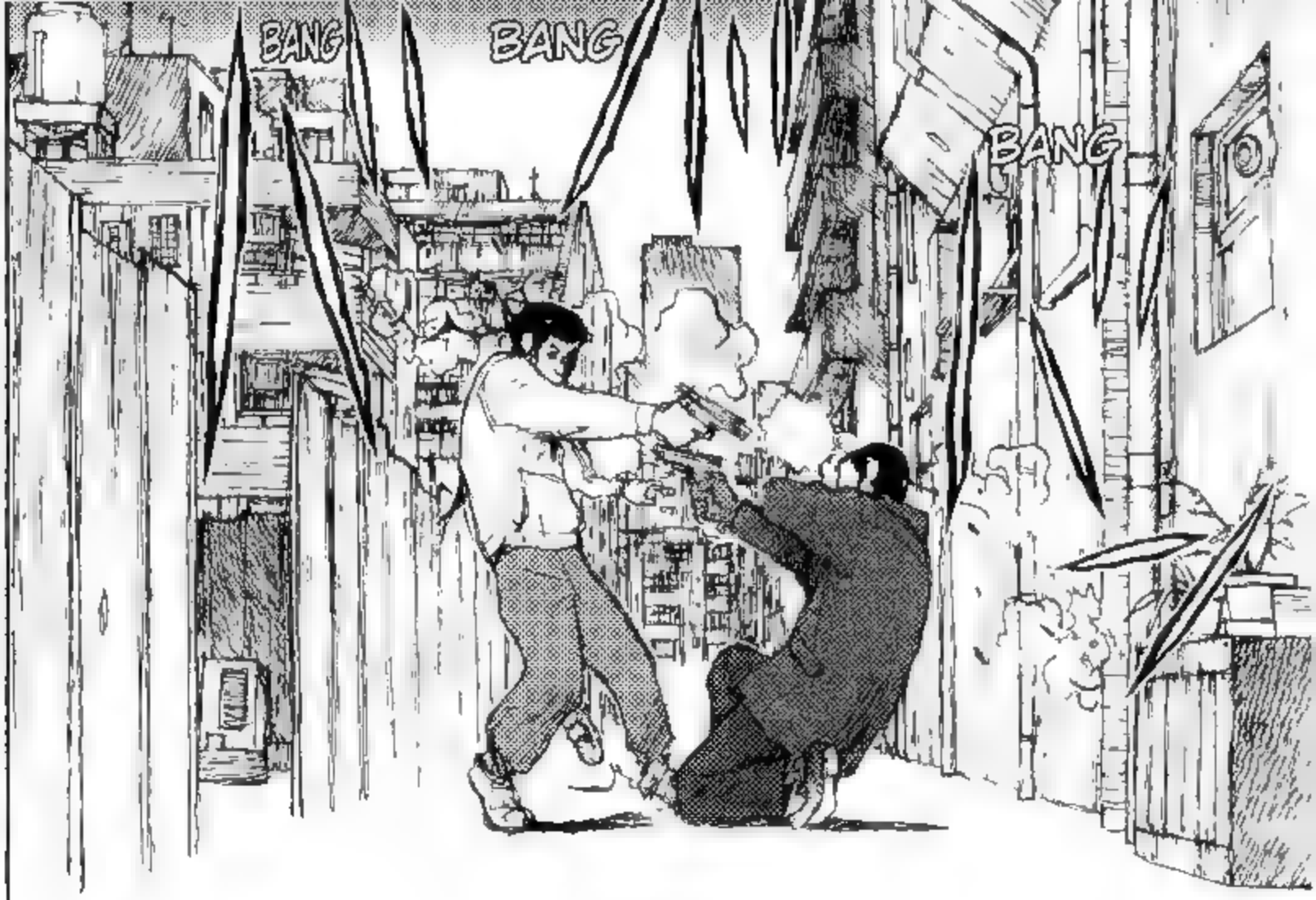
PANT
SNAP

EEP!
PANT
AHH
WAAAHH!
!
SQUAWK
MY FOOT !
OW!
SNAP


BANG
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AHH
...

ARGG!
YAMADA
...

WELL?!
.....
WHY DIDN'T YOU ANSWER?! SCARED SHITLESS AND HIDING SOME-WHERE, WEREN'T YOU!?
YOU IDIOT !
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING !?
BECAUSE HE HAD TO COVER FOR YOU!
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT YAMADA GOT INJURED!
HMMPH!
I'M FINE. YOU TWO CAN HEAD BACK FIRST.
THAT'S ENOUGH. THIS IS A HOSPI-TAL.
KOYAMA USSHI
100 TIMES!!
KOYAMA USSHI 100 TIMES!!

I KNOW IT HURTS, JUST HANG ON THERE.
DR KIMURA- TO ROOM 4, PLEASE.
AHH.. I SCREWED UP AGAIN..
KOYAMA USSHI!
ARGGHH!!
I KILLED THE BABY... IT'S MY FAULT!
I-- I KILLED HIM!
WAAAAHH!
CALM DOWN SANAE ...
BUT I KILLED HIM!!
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
.....
SO...
WHO'S IT GONNA BE?
WHO ELSE DO WE HAVE LEFT!?
NEITHER OF THEM!
MIZOGUCHI'S ON HOLIDAY, SO MAYBE KANO...
THE NEXT JOB.
YOUR LEG'S BUSTED. WHO'S GONNA TAKE OVER?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
.....
WHAT?
HIGUCHI!
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION.
THE BOSS CALLED.
I SHOULD BE GOING.
DON'T DO IT...
PLEASE!
WE CAN'T TRUST MIZOGUCHI OR KANO WITH THE ROOKIES ...
CAN'T WE GET SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER OFFICE?

NOD
YOU SEE, TO ME, IT'S MORE THAN JUST BEING AN ACTOR...
NEXT UP, AN INTER-VIEW WITH KOYAMA USSHI!
I'D CHOOSE KANO...
I GUESS ...
BUT WHAT IF NO ONE WILL DO IT?
I'LL TRY ASKING ...
THANK YOU!
ALL RIGHT.
GOTTA RUSH ...
I'M OFF, THEN ...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
VERY WELL. I'LL TRY CALLING AROUND ...

RIIIING
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--
CLICK
HI. THIS IS HIGUCHI FROM THE KATSUMI PROXY ENFORCE-MENT OFFICE...
WHO ARE YOU!?
I'M HEARING THINGS AGAIN...
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF LUNCH RIGHT NOW!

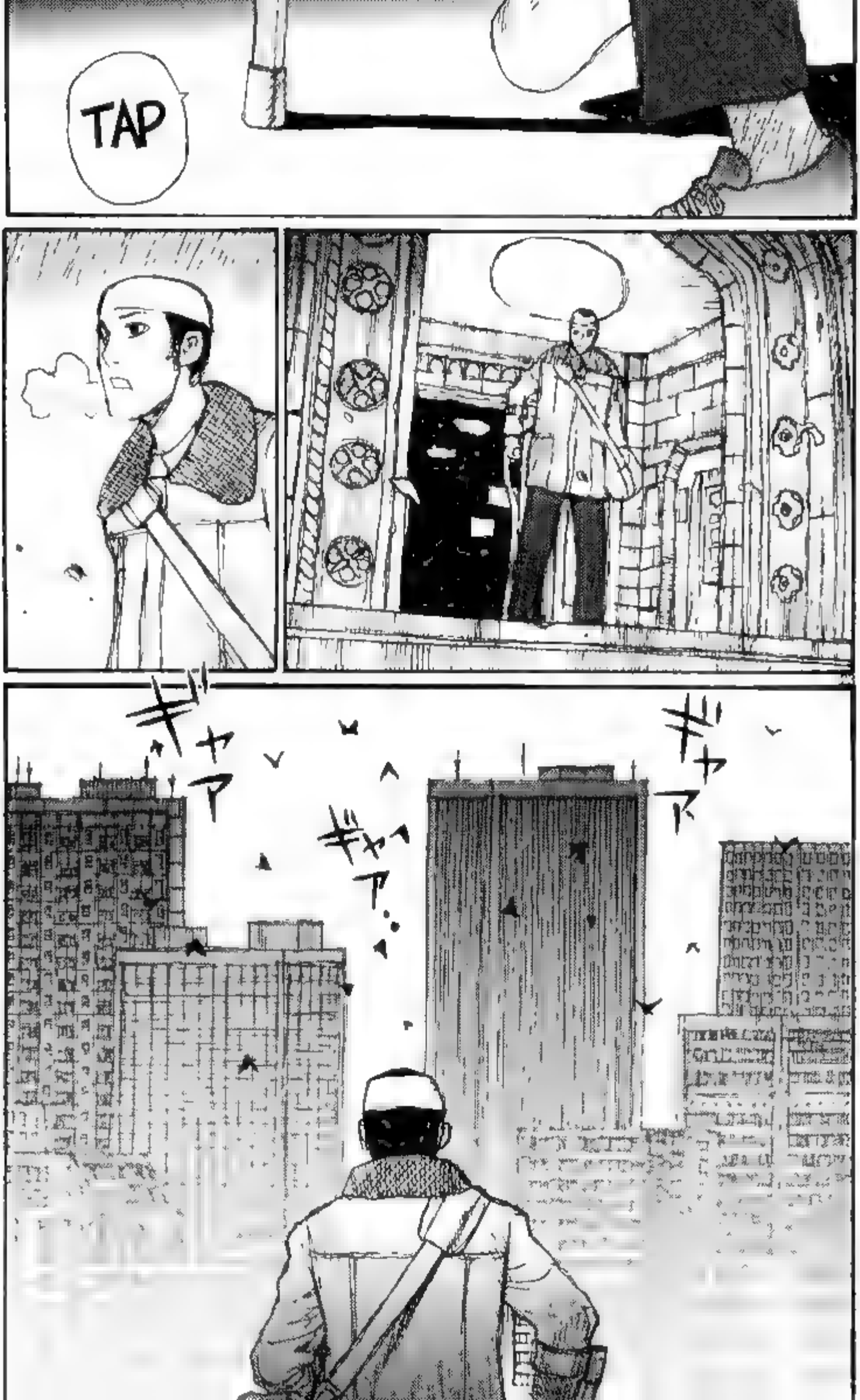
WHAT TRIFLE IS IT ABOUT THIS TIME?
GEEZE. YOU'RE ALWAYS MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF SOME MOLEHILL, YAMADA.
REALLY? ARE YOU?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE 2 ROOKIES.
IT'S NOT SOME 'TRIFLE'.
THEN WHY NOT JUST FIRE ME AND HAVE IT OVER WITH?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT THE 2 OF THEM INVOLVED.
WE'RE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THAT BODYGUARD YOU SHOT DURING THE LAST ENFORCE-MENT.

AND THE WAR'S KEPT US BUSY
EVERY-ONE'S SHORT OF STAFF
WE'RE SHORT OF STAFF
THERE'S BEEN NOTHING ON TV TODAY EXCEPT THAT ACTOR...
THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH NEWS ABOUT THE WAR LATELY
THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO SHOW IT
OH, THERE'S BEEN NEWS
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
WHY NOT?

HASN'T BEEN TOO GOOD OF LATE, HAS IT?
NEWS ABOUT THE WAR..

THEY'LL USE WHATEVER THEY CAN TO IGNORE WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON AROUND THEM.
OH, BUT PEOPLE LIKE THOSE SHOWS. IT LETS THEM LIVE IN THEIR OWN LITTLE WORLD.
PEOPLE WILL JUST FORGET ABOUT THE WAR!
BUT IF THEY KEEP SHOWING STUPID PROGRAMS LIKE THAT...

IT'S EASIER TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE MAKE THE DECISIONS.
IT'S TOO MUCH EFFORT TO FIND OUT MORE.
THE VAST MAJORITY OF MANKIND WILL JUST ACCEPT WHATEVER THEY'RE TOLD.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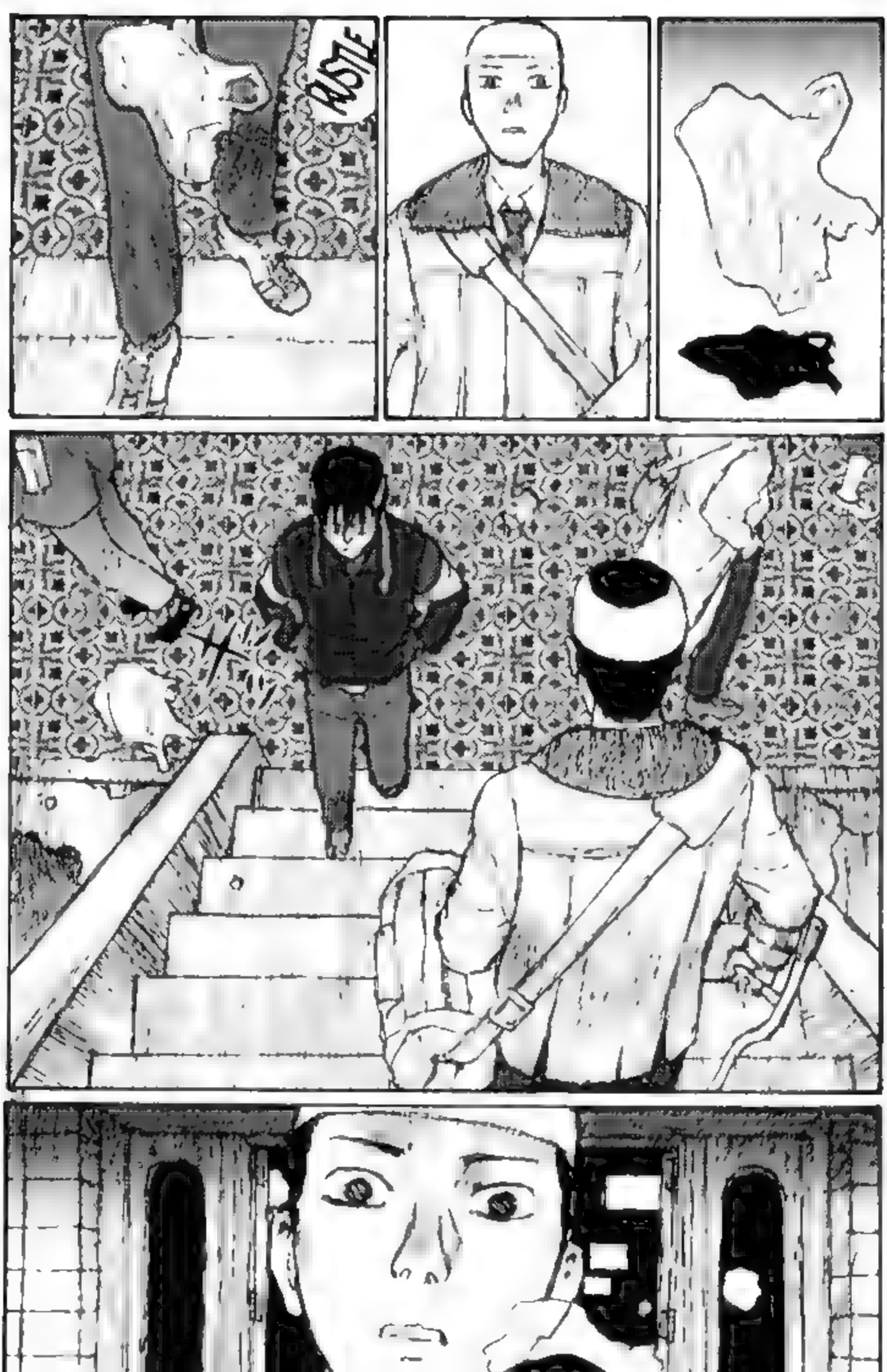
RUSTLE

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HIGUCHI CALLED.
YES ...
BUT ...
SUP-POSED TO BE RESTING TODAY?
AREN'T YOU...
I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO INTERESTING ABOUT HIM, ANYHOW.
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AT HOME BUT WATCH THAT SILLY ACTOR ON TV.
..... I SEE.

HE KILLED HIMSELF YESTER-DAY.
YOU SEE ...
WELL ...
SO WHAT ?
MEANWHILE, OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE IS AT STAKE ...
I-- I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY'RE JUST MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT.
AHH... NOTHING.

WE'RE AT WAR, AFTER ALL.
WE REALLY HAVE TO BE MORE SERIOUS.
IT'S AS BORING AS THAT ACTOR.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE WAR.
SEE YOU.

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DID YOU HAVE A GOOD REST?
WELL?

CHAT #36
ABSENT FROM WORK

DO YOU KNOW YAMADA GOT INJURED?
WE NEED YOU.
I'M STILL SUPPOSED TO BE RESTING...
'HAVE' ?

IS THAT ALL RIGHT ?
THE 2 ROOKIES NEED TRAIN-ING.
I'M GOING TO NEED A FAVOR FROM YOU.
I SAW HIM EARLIER.. BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE..
INJURED ?
WHAT IS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'WHAT IS'...
I GUESS ...
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT IDEA FROM?
.....
I'M NOT SO SICK THAT YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME.
HMM.

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?
I GUESS... I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HMM?
THE THING IS; IT ONLY BECAME CLEAR WHEN I TOOK TIME OFF.
PREOCCUPIED WITH WORK AND YOUR INEXPLICABLE ACTIONS, I COULDN'T SEE WHERE I WAS GOING.
SOMETHING CHANGED... I DON'T KNOW WHAT.
JUST A TINY CHANGE IN WHAT I THINK ABOUT... BUT IT'S A REAL CHANGE... HEH HEH HEH.
BUT WHY DO I FEEL BETTER?
THANKS TO THAT, I RECOVERED AND FEEL WHOLE AGAIN.

SLAM
LOGI-CALLY, MY ACTIONS WOULD DEFI-NITELY--
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR NON-SENSE.
IT DOESN'T INTEREST ME, ANYHOW.
IT PISSES ME OFF...
TO SEE PEOPLE SO FULL OF THEM-SELVES.
THE MEETING'S AT 7.
DON'T BE LATE.

.....
IT'LL BE FINE, I GUESS ...
IF IT GOES LIKE THIS...
----- Two Weeks Ago
CELEBRATING TAKASHI YOSHINAGA'S DEPARTURE FOR THE FRONT!

I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL OF YOU...
THANK YOU.. THANK YOU..
BANZA!!
BANZA!!
THE TRAIN ON PLAT-FORM 6 IS ABOUT TO DEPART.
HIS AUNT IN THE COUNTRY COULDN'T BELIEVE IT EITHER..
HE'S GONE ...
BE A MAN!
DO YOUR BEST!
AHH.. THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER HIM.
Building a bright future and a peaceful society
NPO Inc.
Smile! Rehabilitation & Support Center
AFTER-NOON.
SMILE! REHAB & SUPPORT CENTER.

I SEE... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER.
HUH? HE DID IT AGAIN...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE MISSED SENDING YOSHINAGA OFF, THOUGH...
HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO LOOK AFTER HIMSELF, SO WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK AFTER HIM.
THAT IDIOT.
MR. KATADA, AFTER ALL THAT EFFORT YOU PUT INTO FINDING HIM THAT JOB...
TERAJIMA VANISHED AGAIN.
WHAT'S WRONG, IDE?
Irregular Traffic Light Timings
SEE YOU LATER, MR. KATADA.
WELL, I WON'T BE LONG.
SEE YOU.

AH!
HOOONK

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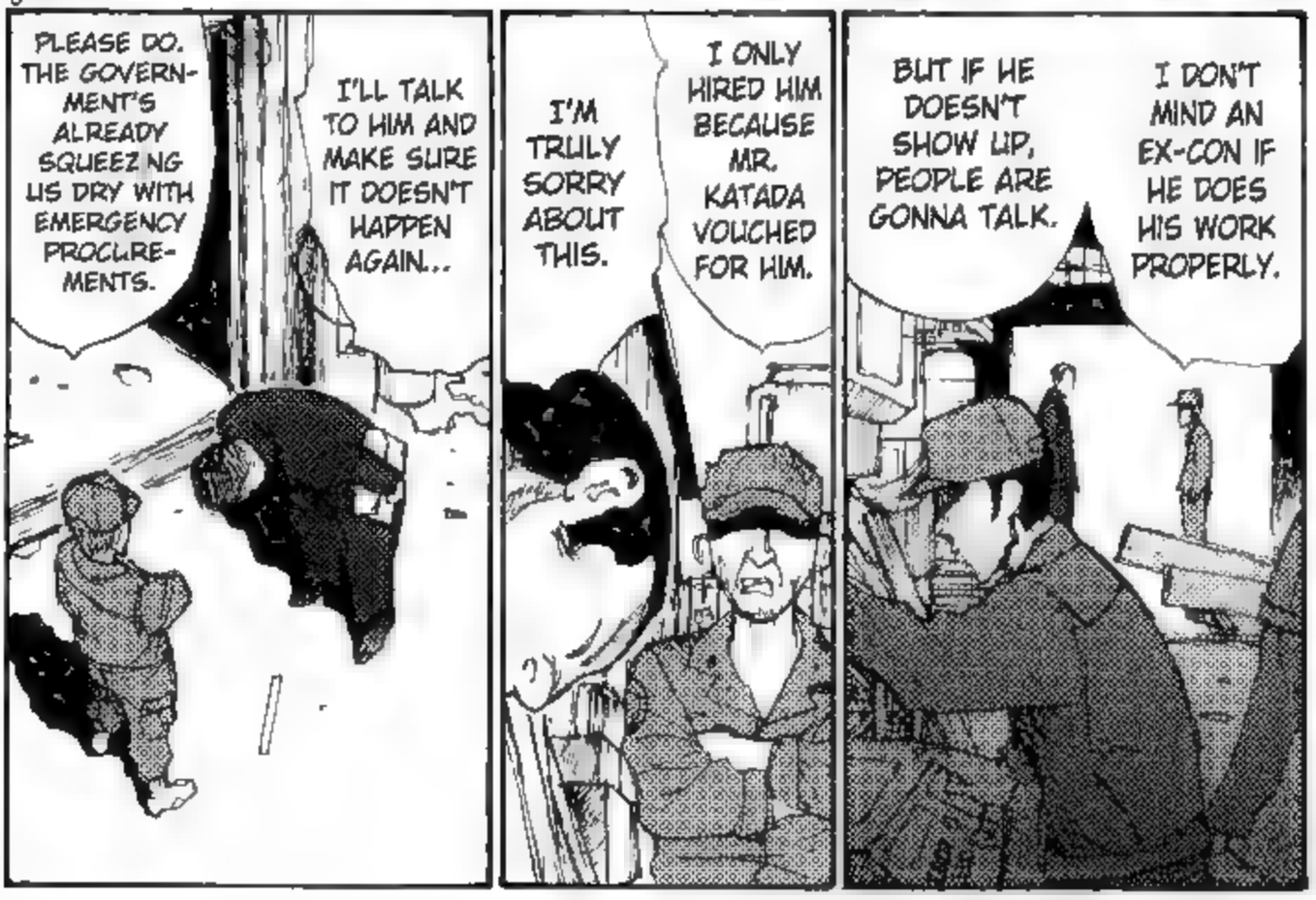
PLEASE DO. THE GOVERNMENT'S ALREADY SQUEEZING US DRY WITH EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS.
I'LL TALK TO HIM AND MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN...
I'M TRULY SORRY ABOUT THIS.
I ONLY HIRED HIM BECAUSE MR. KATADA VOUCHED FOR HIM.
BUT IF HE DOESN'T SHOW UP, PEOPLE ARE GONNA TALK.
I DON'T MIND AN EX-CON IF HE DOES HIS WORK PROPERLY.

CAME TO MY SHOP REEKING OF BEER AND MUMBLING SOMETHING ABOUT FUTURES TRADING...
TERA? YEAH, HE GOT HERE YESTER-DAY.
NICE THAT HE'S GOOD WITH THE KID.
THE TWO OF THEM CAN BE AT IT ALL DAY.
OVER THERE.
OUT-SIDE.
SO WHERE IS HE NOW?

IDE...
HEY!
TERA-JIMA ...
THEN GO BACK TO WORK!
I GOT BETTER.
SO WHY ARE YOU OUT HERE PLAYING CATCH?
I WASN'T FEELING GOOD, SO I TOOK A BREAK.
HEH HEH ... WELL.
WHAT HARE-BRAINED SCHEME ARE YOU UP TO THIS TIME?
NOT AT WORK, HUH.
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, TERA-JIMA!?
RIGHT! A SLIDER COMING RIGHT UP!
THROW BALL-
THE SUPER-VISOR THERE WON'T TRUST HIM ANYMORE!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH TROUBLE MR. KATADA WENT TO FIND YOU THIS JOB?!

SAW THIS THING ON TV ABOUT FUTURES TRADING.
WELL, I'VE BEEN THINKING.
YOU BOR-ROWED MONEY AGAIN?
HMMPH.
I REALLY WASN'T FEELING WELL.
GEEZE. I GET IT, ALL RIGHT?
I'M GOING.
ALL I NEED IS A BIT OF SEED CAPITAL ...
HEY WAIT!
A FEW PEOPLE EVEN MADE 200 MILLION IN A YEAR!
Miita's How to Profit from Futures Trading 101
AND I WAS LIKE, "THIS IS IT!"

NOTE: 200,000,000 YEN -> USD$ 1,750,000

YOU WERE LIKE THIS AS A KID...
SO BUSY BUILDING YOUR CASTLES IN THE SKY THAT YOU'D WALK INTO A WALL.
THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
I'M SERIOUS!
HEY!
NOW FUTURES TRADING. THAT'S NICE.
FIRST THE LOTTERY ... THEN STOCKS ...

I'M NOT MAKING EXCUSES! I WAS SICK! NOW I'M WELL AGAIN!
SEE YA.
WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
AND BLAME SOMEONE ELSE WHEN THINGS TURN SOUR AND FAIL.
YOU NEVER COMMIT TO ANY-THING.
THESE THINGS HAVE CON-SEQUENCES!
YOU KILLED TWO PEOPLE!
BUT THEY KEPT GIVING ME THE WORST JOBS 'CAUSE I'M AN EX-CON!
I WAS DOING MY BEST!

I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED UNTIL I WAS DRIVING AWAY!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!
THEY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!
UGH ...

THE TWO OF US ARE FRIENDS... IT WASN'T A REAL FIGHT...
I SORRY WE SHOUTED ...
WE WEREN'T FIGHT-ING...
...AND YOUR SHIRT IS ON THE WRONG WAY.
DON'T CRY.
D--
WAAAHH--
!

FOUND TERA-JIMA?
AHH.
I'M BACK.
THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

A BUSI-NESSMAN.
AHH... ONE OF MY PERSONAL CUSTOM-ERS... HEH HEH HEH.
I DIDN'T RECOG-NIZE HIS FACE...
WHO WAS THAT?
.....
SO... HOW DID IT GO?
HE'LL DIE BEFORE HE CHANGES.
TERA-JIMA..
TERAJIMA ESPECIALLY... HE'S JUST LIKE A CHILD.
WE'RE NOT THE PATIENT SORT.
WE'RE ALL EX-CONS HERE... YOU AND ME INCLUDED.
ABOUT ME?
PEOPLE SAID THAT ABOUT YOU TOO.. HEE HEE HEE.
WHEN YOU FIRST CAME HERE...

BUT MAKE SURE YOU SET TERA-JIMA ON THE RIGHT PATH...
ANYHOW, I'LL BE RETIRING SOON.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS JOB.
BUT THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO BE PATIENT WITH THEM.
REALLY ...
HAHA ...
THAT I'D DIE BEFORE I CHANGE.
Y'KNOW ... THEY SAID IT ABOUT ME TOO.
THE BEST I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IS ONCE A MONTH. AND YOUR WIFE WILL HAVE TO BE THERE WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR SON.
BEEEEEP
HELLO-- THIS IS YOSHI-YAMA FROM THE MARU-BATSU LAW OFFICE. UMM... I SPOKE WITH YOUR WIFE'S LAWYER TODAY...

.....
10:08 PM.
BEEEEEP
ANYHOW, I'M SURE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR DIVORCE SETTLEMENT AND CHILD SUPPORT ARE GOING. WHAT THEY'VE PROPOSED IS...
BEEP
AND SHIT... THE PHOTO ...
WHO CAN IT BE AT THIS HOUR ...?
RIIIIING
HUH? WHERE? YAKUZA OFFICE? WHICH ONE?
CONFINED ?
WHAT IS IT, TERAJIMA..
YES, IDE HERE ...

NO... ALL RIGHT ... I DIDN'T KNOW.
YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELF...
I DON'T KNOW !!
HUH? JUST GO AND DIE.
YEAH, I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY'LL DO TO YOU.
ALL RIGHT.
SHOULD TAKE A SHOWER BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP.
CRACK
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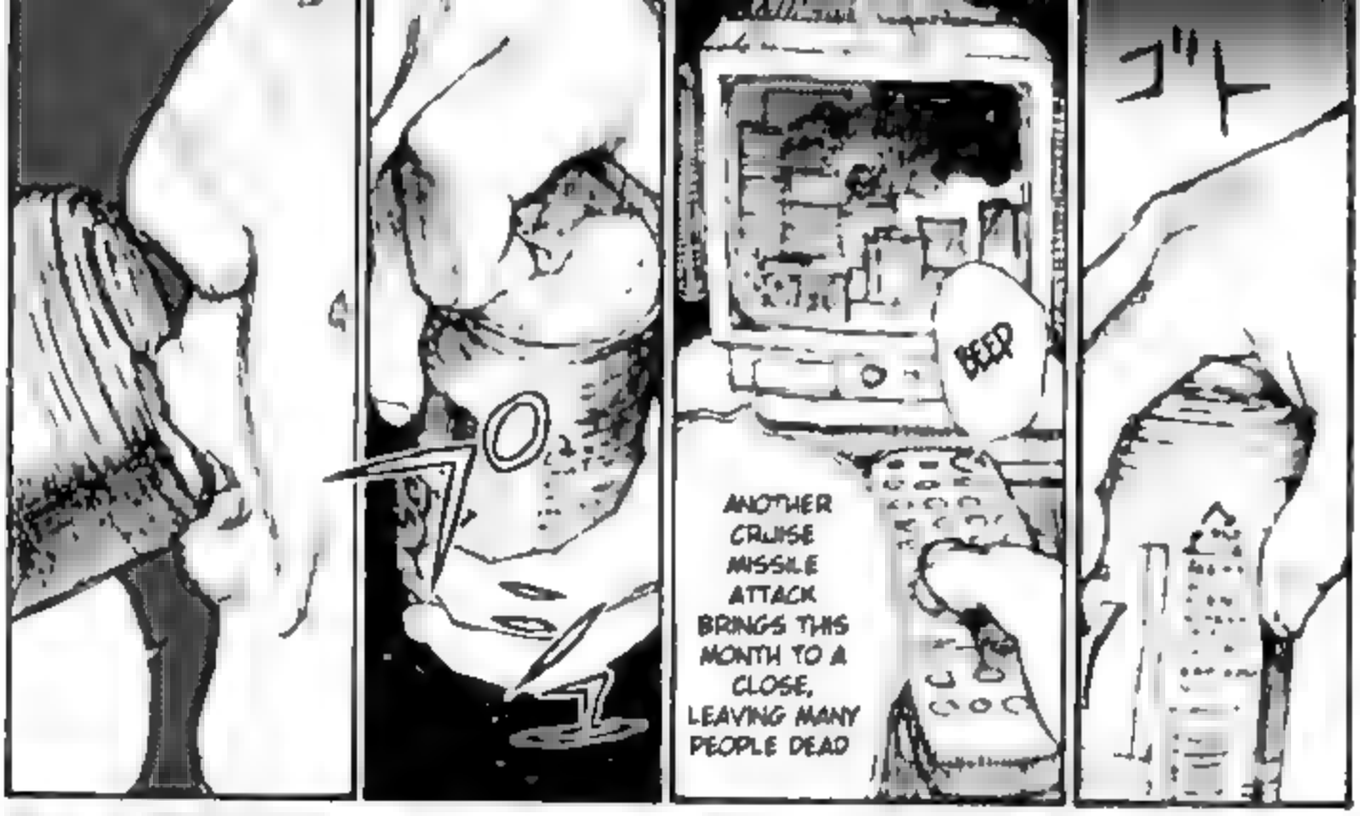
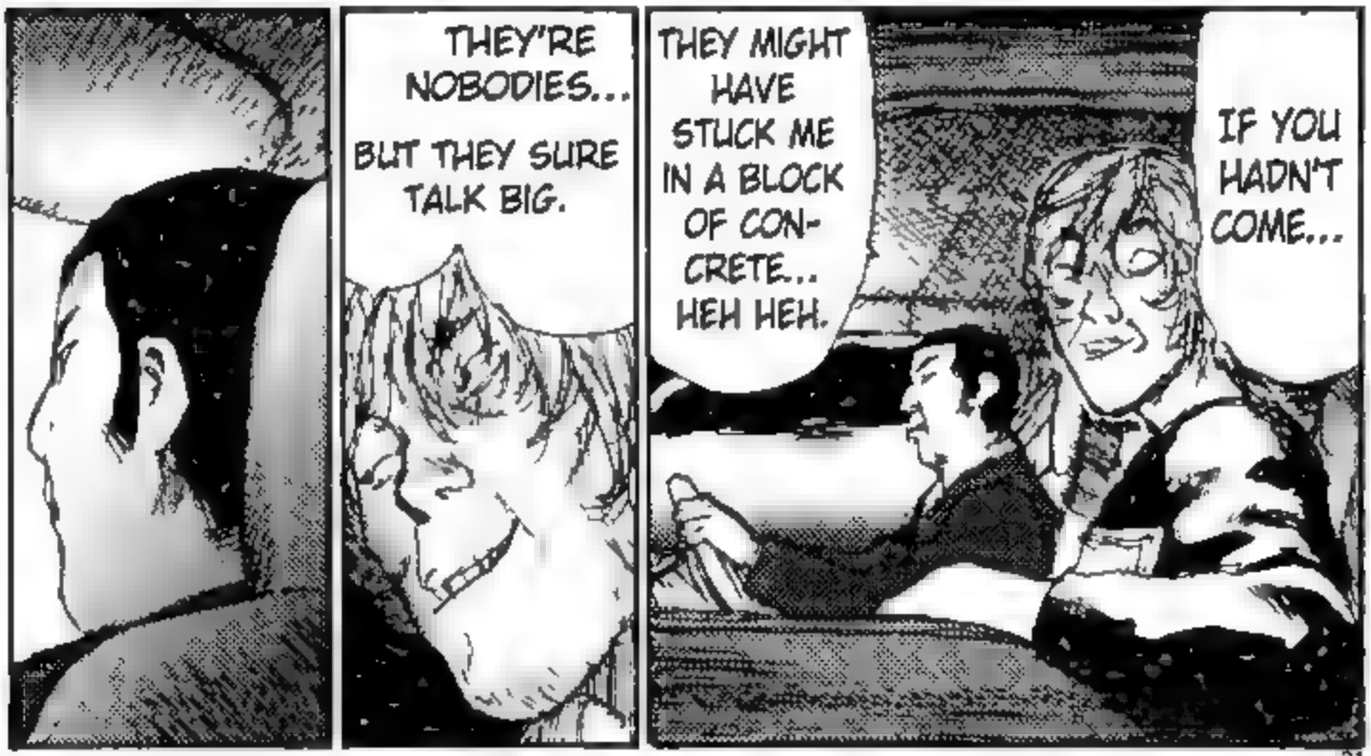

BEEP
ANOTHER CRUISE MISSILE ATTACK BRINGS THIS MONTH TO A CLOSE, LEAVING MANY PEOPLE DEAD

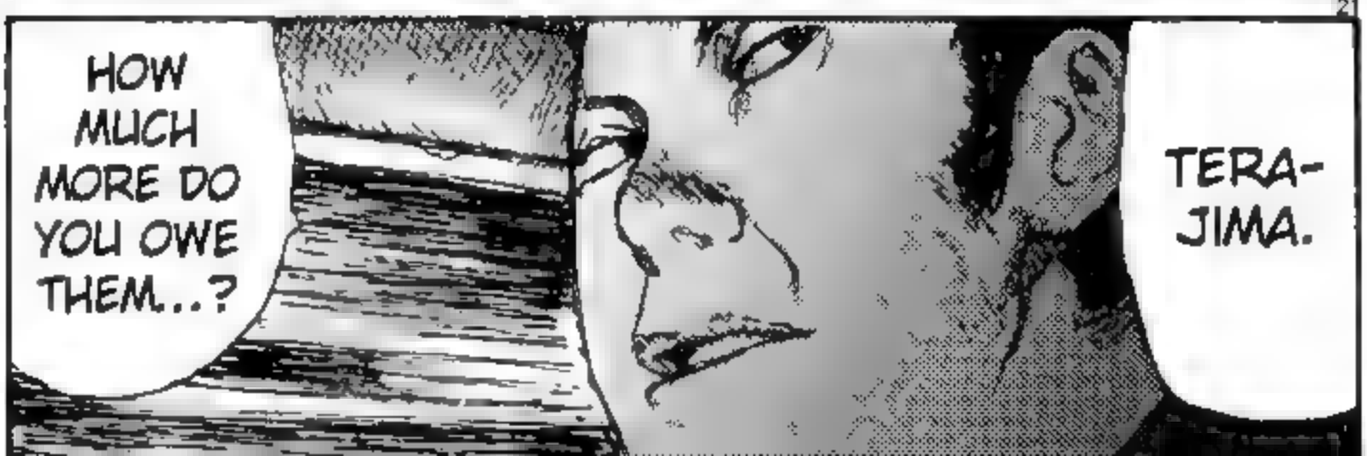
CONSTRUCTION CREWS HAVE BEGUN TEARING DOWN THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS IN THE CITY CENTER. OUT OF THE FOUR BUILDINGS THAT REMAIN INTACT...

TERA-
JIMA!
SQUEAK
SHIT
.....
IDE
...
DAMN.
YOU
WIN.
TOLD
YOU
HE'D
COME.

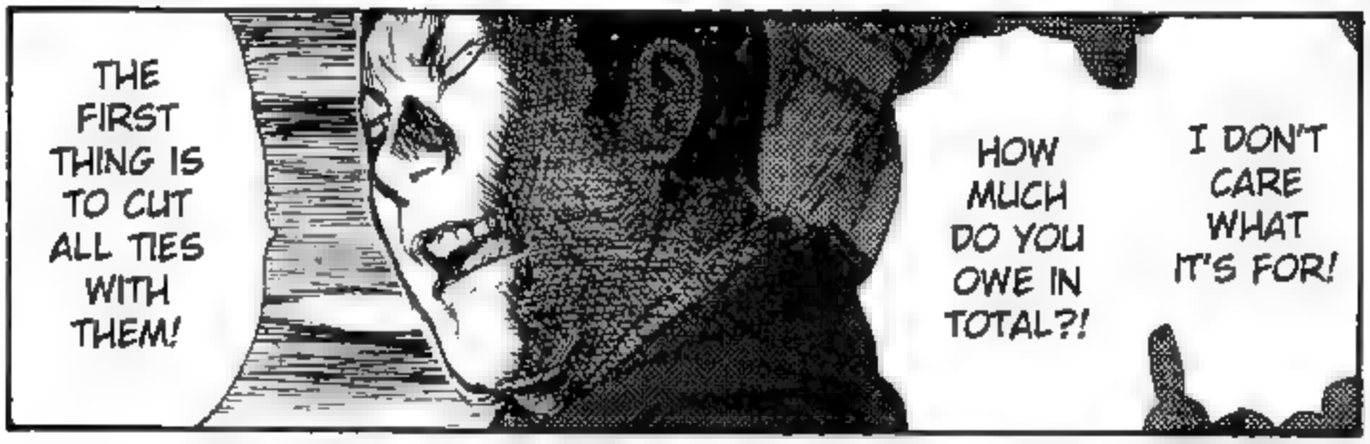
HEH HEH.. THANKS.
LET'S GO, TERA-JIMA.
C'MON.
STUB
THANKS, MR. IDE.
20... 40... ALL RIGHT.
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING !
HEY TERA-JIMA!
HEH HEH HEH.
NEXT TIME YOU CAN'T PAY, WE'LL TAKE AN ARM!
WE LET YOU OFF THIS TIME ON ACCOUNT OF MR. IDE!

THEY JUST CAME- TOOK ME WITH THEM ALL OF A SUDDEN.


THEY'RE NOBODIES...
BUT THEY SURE TALK BIG.
THEY MIGHT HAVE STUCK ME IN A BLOCK OF CON- CRETE.. HEH HEH.
IF YOU HADN'T COME...

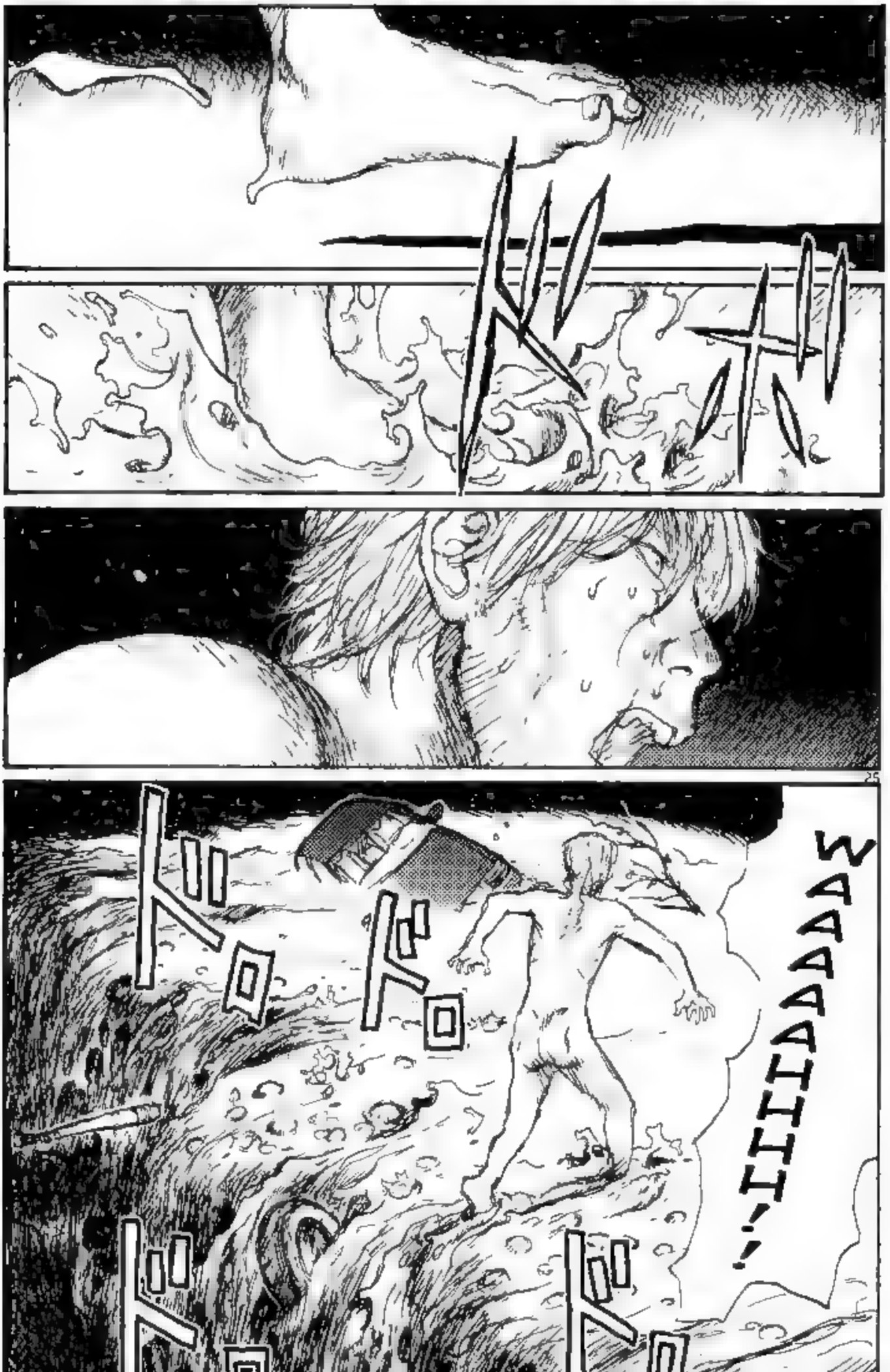

HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU OWE THEM...?
TERA- JIMA.

NOTE: 500,000 YEN -> USD$ 4,400



I'LL NEVER PAY BACK MY DEBTS IF I TAKE THOSE JOBS YOU GIVE ME!
WE'LL FIND YOU A NEW JOB.
GO SEE MR. KATADA TOMORROW AND APOL-OGIZE.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT!
H-- HEY!
IN RETURN, YOU'LL GIVE UP YOUR CRAZY IDEAS AND DO YOUR JOB.
MR. KATADA AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF THE DEBTS AND TALK TO THE YAKUZA.
I'LL KILL YOU WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS BEFORE THE YAKUZA GET TO YOU.
IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL SEE ME.
AHH.. BUT THAT'S ...

I SEE.
HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.
AND BE AT THE OFFICE TOMORROW AT 9AM SHARP.
OH YES...
I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FINANCES FROM HERE ON.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WAAAAAHHH!!

IDE
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AHHH!
H--
HELP
...!
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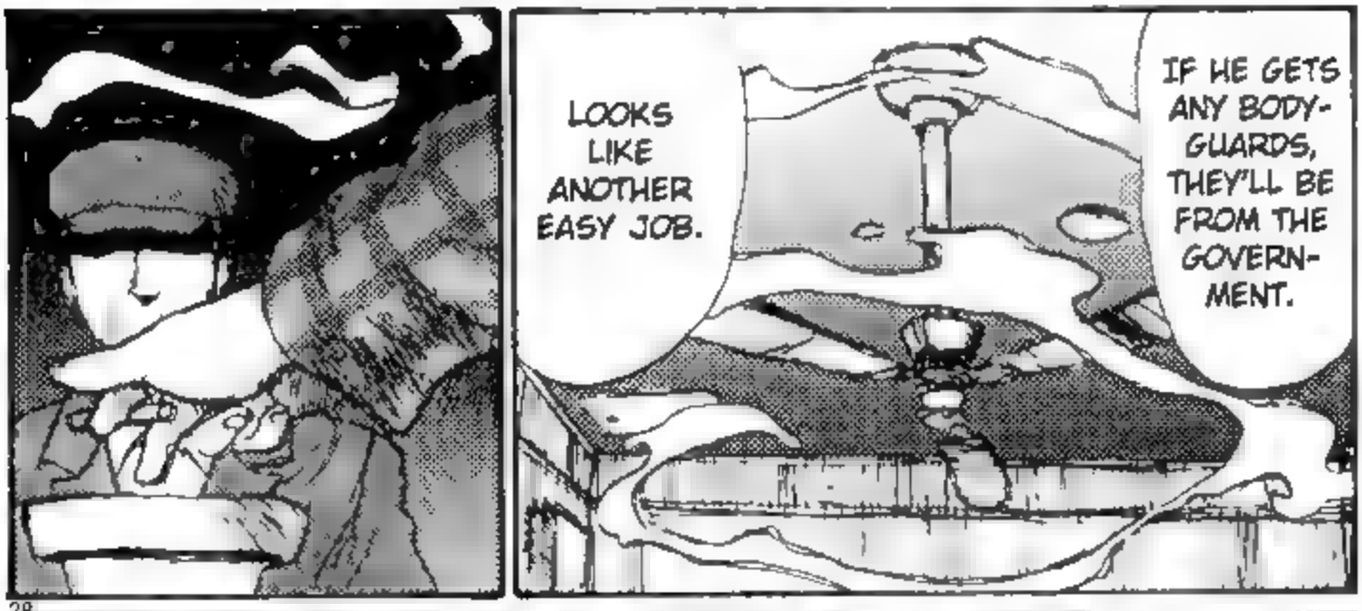
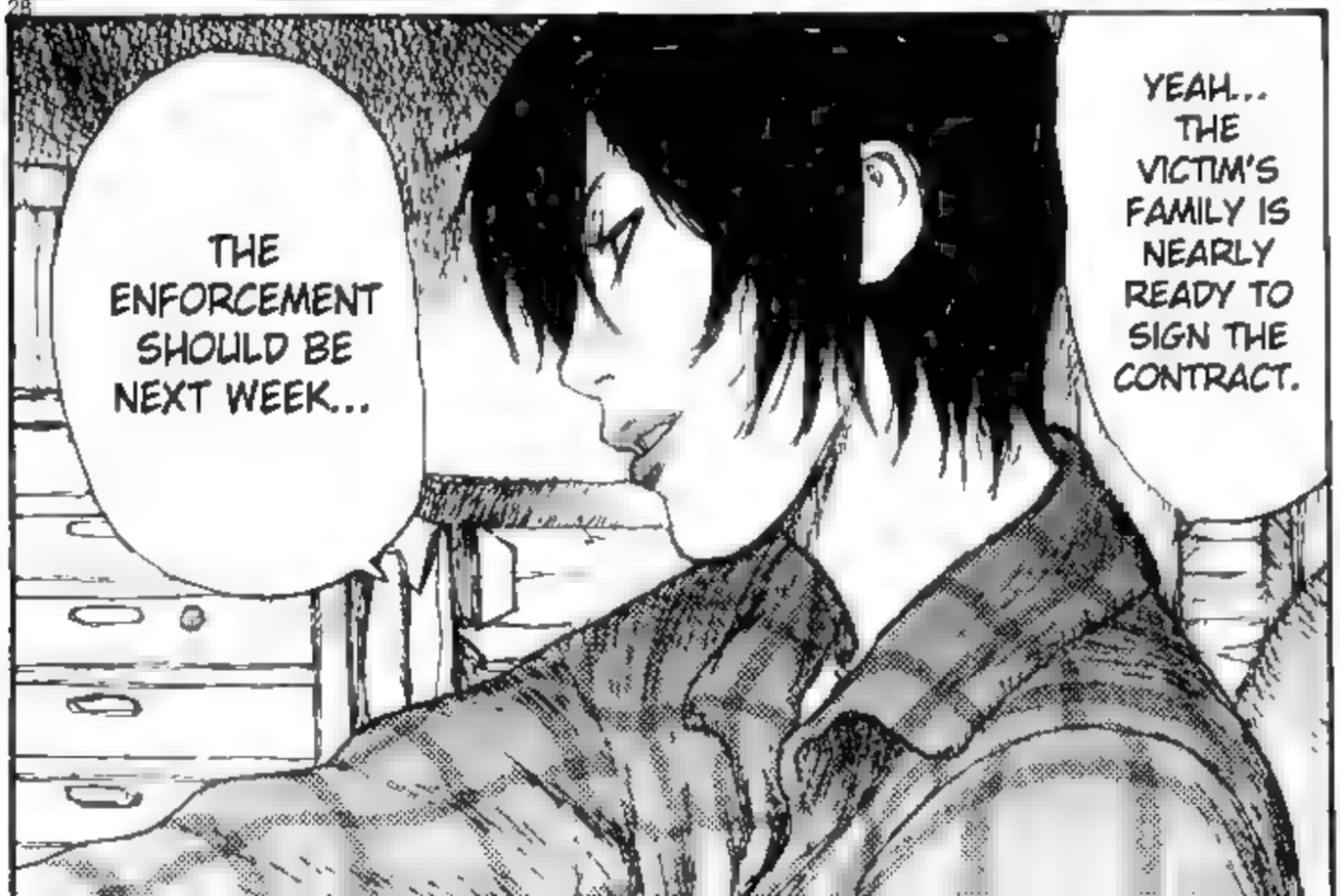
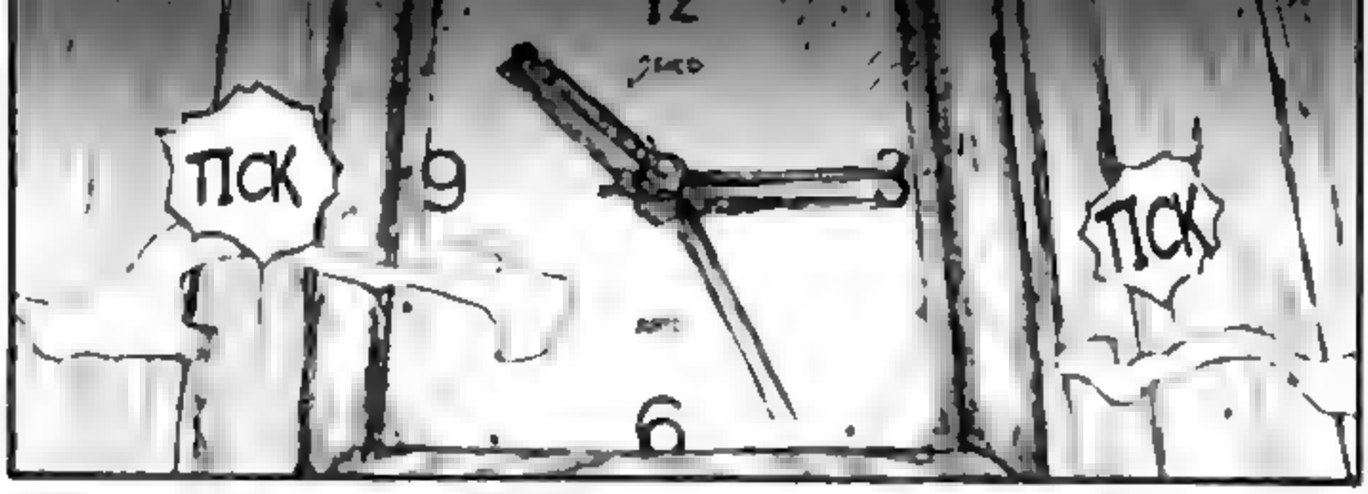
NEED TO CALM DOWN
HOW AM I GONNA MAKE IT THROUGH TOMORROW
I'M TOO FRIGHTENED TO SLEEP
CAN'T

AHH!
IT WAS JUST A DREAM ...
JUST A DREAM ...
PANT
PANT
EEK...
27
BE QUIET!
... DID HE SEE ME...? BUT WHY WAS HE SCREAM-ING... HAS HE GONE MAD?
WHAT'S GOING ON? CAN'T YOU SLEEP...
NOOOO!!

KENJI TERAJIMA. 42 YEARS OLD, SINGLE. LIVING WITH SOME WOMAN.
HE GOT HIS LAST JOB THROUGH A SOCIAL REHAB CENTER FOR EX-CONS RUN BY NPO INC... BUT HE HAS A TON OF DEBTS OUTSTANDING.


IF HE GETS ANY BODYGUARDS, THEY'LL BE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER EASY JOB.


YEAH... THE VICTIM'S FAMILY IS NEARLY READY TO SIGN THE CONTRACT.
THE ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE NEXT WEEK...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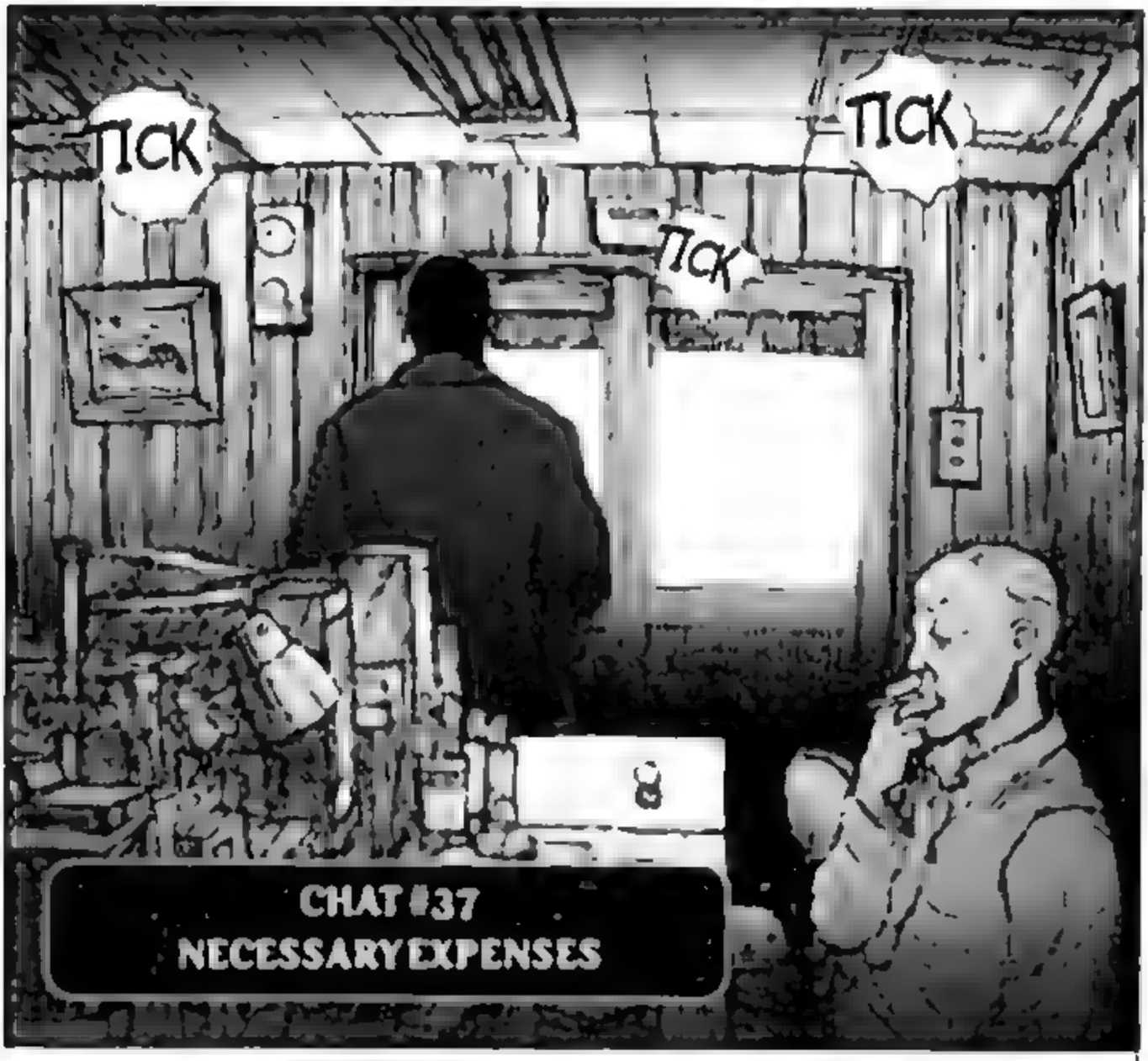
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CHAT #37
NECESSARY EXPENSES

I TOLD HIM TO BE HERE AT 9AM SHARP.
UGH.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU FOR WAITING ...
AHH WELL. I HAD SOME-THING FOR HIM..
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I'M GOING FOR A WALK.
OK
I OVER-SLEPT.
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SORRY ...

WELL ...
YOU KEPT MR. KATADA WAITING FOR OVER TWO HOURS!!
TERA-JIMA!! I TOLD YOU NOT TO BE LATE!!
SLAM
CRASH
IT'S THE TRUTH, DAMMIT!
YOU COULD AT LEAST COME UP WITH A REAL REASON!
I WAS TOO SCARED TO SLEEP!
I-- IT WASN'T MY FAULT! SOMEONE WAS WATCH-ING ME!
STOP IT, YOU TWO!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A FRIEND ...
WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?!
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF YOUR LOUSY EXCUSES!

ON ON ON
.....
MR. KATADA
THEN GO KILL EACH OTHER SOME-PLACE WHERE YOU WON'T DISTURB ANYONE!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! LET ME FINISH FIRST!
THERE'S SOMEONE I'D LIKE TO GIVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO.
BEFORE I RETIRE ...
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
WHAT IS IT, UNCLE KATADA ?
I'VE GOT SOME-THING FOR YOU.
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU, TERA-JIMA.
For Terajima
THIS.

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SOME MONEY IN ORDER TO BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY...
MY SAVINGS. THE PASS-BOOK AND STAMP ARE INSIDE.
NO WAY!
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For Terajima
M-- MR. KATADA!
COME UP WITH A PLAN TOGETHER
IDE. I'M TRUSTING YOU WITH IT.
GIMME!
YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEND IT PROP-ERLY.
THANKS, UNCLE!
NOT SO FAST.

HEH HEH HEH... DON'T WORRY! I WON'T NEED IT!
WON'T YOU NEED THE MONEY WHEN YOU RETIRE...?
BUT WHY, MR. KAYABA...
YOU KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG.
IDE... LOOK AFTER TERAJIMA.
TAKE CARE.
I WON'T
D-- DON'T YOU DARE STEAL THE MONEY, IDE! IT'S MINE!

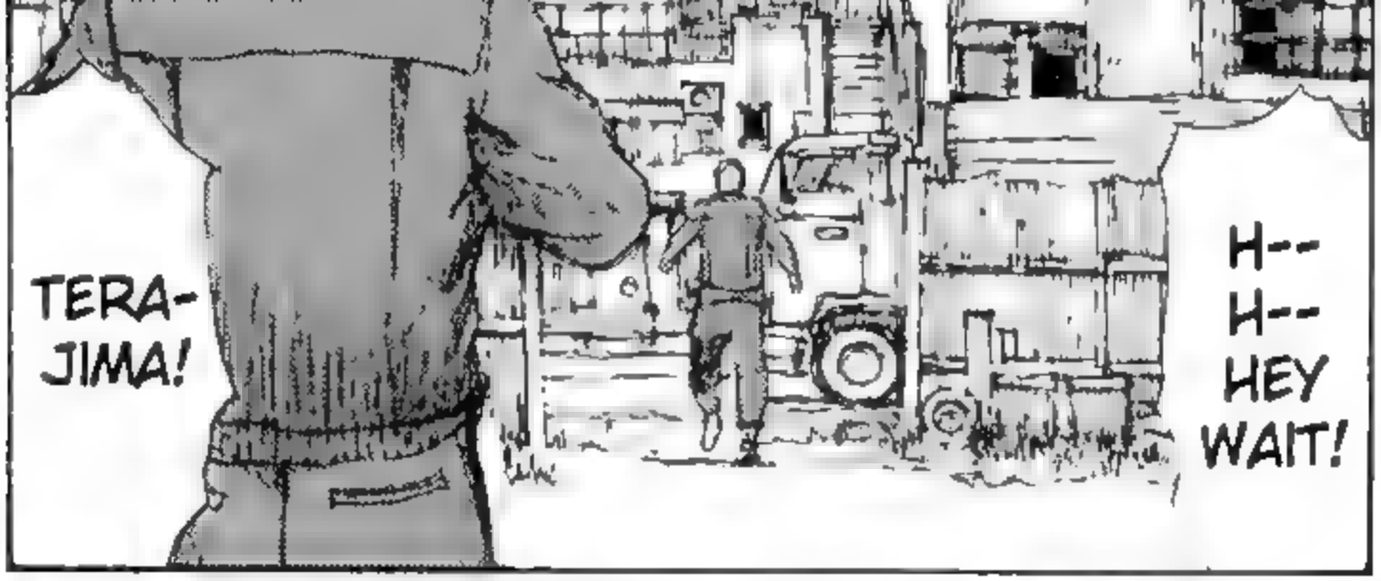
AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, MY CLIENT MR. IDE IS NO LONGER AFFILIATED WITH ANY YAKUZA ORGANIZATIONS.
HE IS NOW WORKING AT A REHABILITATION AND SUPPORT CENTER FOR EX-CONVICTS, CONTRIBUTING PRODUCTIVELY TO SOCIETY.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT YOU ARE DEMANDING IS APPROPRIATE.
TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MR. USAGI?
LISTEN.
I RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA THAT MS. NAOMI SUFFERED.
YOU FAILED TO ADDRESS THAT.

CAME FROM HER NEIGHBORS AND ACQUAINTANCES LOOKING DOWN ON AND SLIGHTING HER.
HER HUSBAND ASIDE, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA THAT MS NAOMI SUFFERED...
I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR FROM THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE SUBMITTED
WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS A SETTLEMENT THAT TAKES ALL OF THIS INTO ACCOUNT.
GLARE
MOREOVER, THE BULLYING HER CHILD SUFFERED CREATED AN ADVERSE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.
IT IS ILLOGICAL SIMPLY TO BLAME MR. IDE FOR WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAID.
HANG ON A MINUTE THERE!
.....
YOUR EXCELLENCY ...

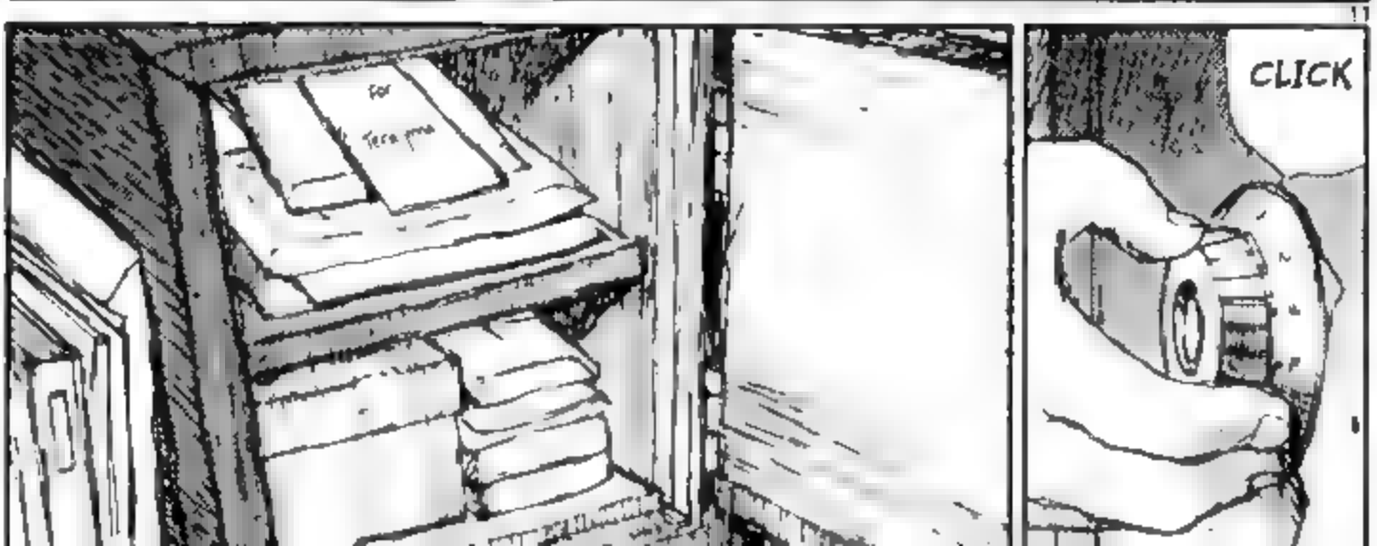
STOP DAY-DREAM-ING AND DO YOUR WORK.
WATCH OUT, YOU IDIOT.
THEY ALL HATE ME...
SHIT.
I'M SORRY
.....
.....
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MIX UP THE SCREWS IN THE BOX!
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME ...
HEY TERA-JIMA!

IT'S YOUR JOB, ISN'T IT? WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE DONE IT?
UMM... I DIDN'T DO IT...
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, "TERA-DYNE"?
HUH?
I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T DO IT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, "TERA-DYNE"?
I DON'T WANT TO WORK HERE, ANYHOW!
STOP MESSING WITH ME!


TERA-JIMA!
H--H--HEY WAIT!

NPO Inc.
Smile! Rehabilitation & Support Center

I'LL HAVE TO APOL-OGIZE FOR THIS MORNING ...
DID TERA-JIMA GO TO WORK TODAY...?
I COULDN'T GET ANY WORK DONE BECAUSE OF THE TRIAL
..... SHIT.


CLICK

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MR. KATADA SEES IN TERAJIMA, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH.
I SHOULD JUST RETURN THIS TO MR. KATADA.
For Terajima
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ...?
IT'S STRANGE THAT HE DECIDED TO DO THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN.
12
I THOUGHT YOU'RE OFF WORK TODAY ?
WHAT'S WRONG, YAMA-GUCHI?

THE HOSPITAL CALLED ...
I-- IT'S BAD...
.....
MR. KATADA IS...
OKAY.
SEE YOU THERE !
Central Hospital

MR. KATADA!
...TADADADA...
OPEN YOUR EYES, MR. KATADA!
HOW COULD YOU DIE?!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN RESIGNED TO HIS FATE...
MR. KATADA DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT...
SEEMS LIKE IT WAS VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT...

153 HIRED MOURNERS ARE NOT AN UNCOMMON SIGHT AT FUNERALS IN EAST ASIA.

Note
City Hunter is a popular Japanese manga / anime [redacted] from the 80's. Ryo Saeba is one of the main characters. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City_Hunter

ゆるさねぇ!!

I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!
STOP IT, IDE!
CALM DOWN!
EEK ...

INSTEAD OF MR. KATADA!
YOU SHOULD BE DEAD!

I-- I'VE BEEN DRIVING AROUND ALL DAY...
TOMOR-ROW, I'LL FIND SOME CHICK TO DO THE DRIVING ...

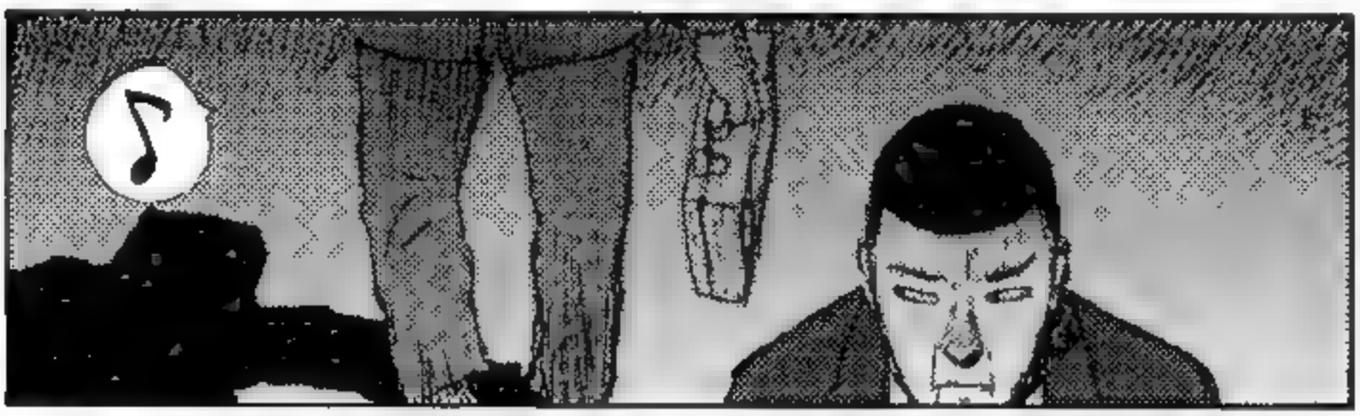
..... WHAT DID YOU SAY?

NOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE IT UP TO HIM!
HE REALLY CARED FOR YOU! AND... AND...

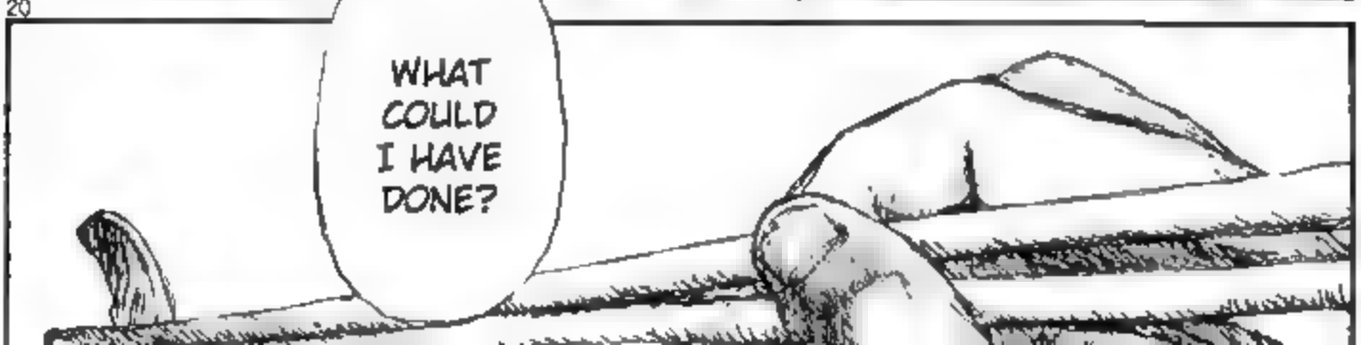
PASSED AWAY...
MR. KATADA ...
19
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF HIM..
HARD TO BELIEVE, ISN'T IT...
YEAH ...

I HAD NO IDEA ...
THAK
BUT AN ENFORCE-MENT...

MAYBE WE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING IF WE HAD NOTICED...
NORMALLY SOMEONE FROM THE PROXY ENFORCEMENT OFFICE COMES BY...



BUT WHAT IF I HAD KNOWN ?
I HAD NO IDEA...
I SEE... SO HE WAS FROM THE PROXY ENFORCE-MENT OFFICE.


WHAT COULD I HAVE DONE?

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WELL, THOSE ARE ALL THE ASHES.
HOW COULD I HAVE CHANGED MR. KATADA'S MIND...?
TERA-JIMA ...
LOOKS LIKE HE LEFT...
HEY TERA-JIMA! WHERE ARE YOU?

LOOKS LIKE HE'S FINALLY STARTED THINKING.
HE SOLD OFF THE CAR AND RETURNED THE PASS-BOOK?
22
WE'RE HEADING OFF...
THEN MAYBE MR. KATADA WON'T HAVE DIED IN VAIN.
IF THIS SOBERS HIM UP...
WE SHOULD CALL HIM ALONG TONIGHT.
MR. KATADA REALLY LIKED HIM.
YEAH.
.....SEE YOU.

TAP
IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO TALK.
WE QUAR-RELED PRETTY BADLY THE LAST TIME...
HE'S AT HOME.
I GUESS ...
23
!
THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

TERA-
JIMA!

WHO WAS THAT WOMAN ?
W-- WHO ...
S-- SHE WAS FROM THE PROXY ENFORCE- MENT OFFICE...
W-- WHAT SHOULD I DO, IDE...
THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME!
T-- T-- T--

THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME!
W-- WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HELP ME, IDE!
I'M GONNA DIE!!
CHAT #38
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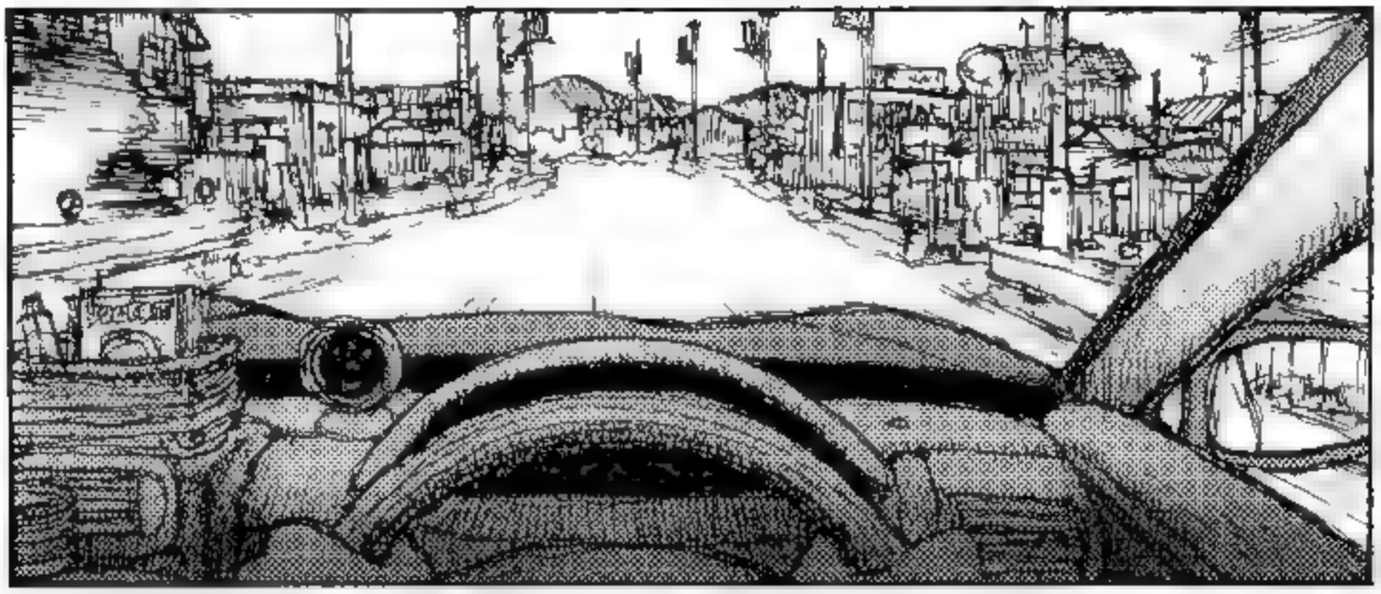
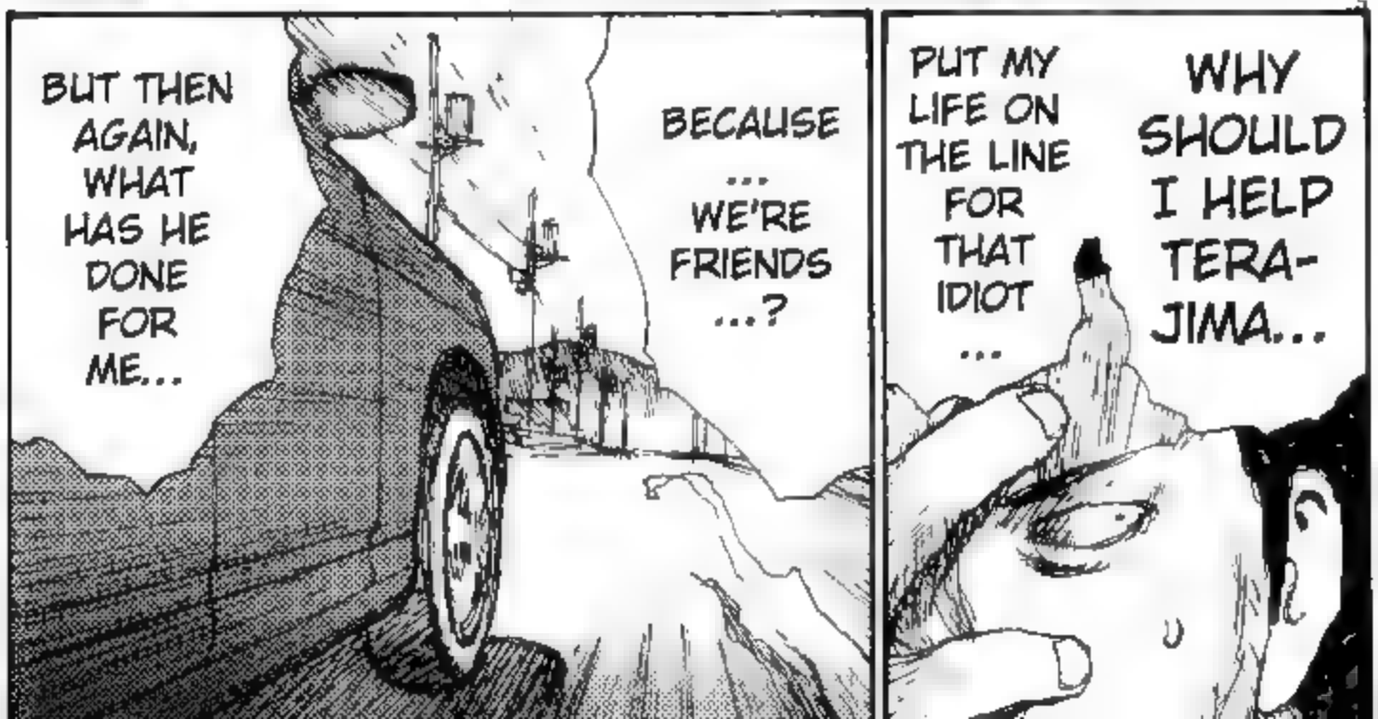
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
C-- CALM DOWN, TERA-JIMA.
ROLL
ROLL
WHY ME!?
WHY DOES EVERY-ONE PICK ON ME?!
I DON'T WANNA DIE! I DON'T WANNA DIE!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
DAMMIT! IS IT GONNA END LIKE THIS!?

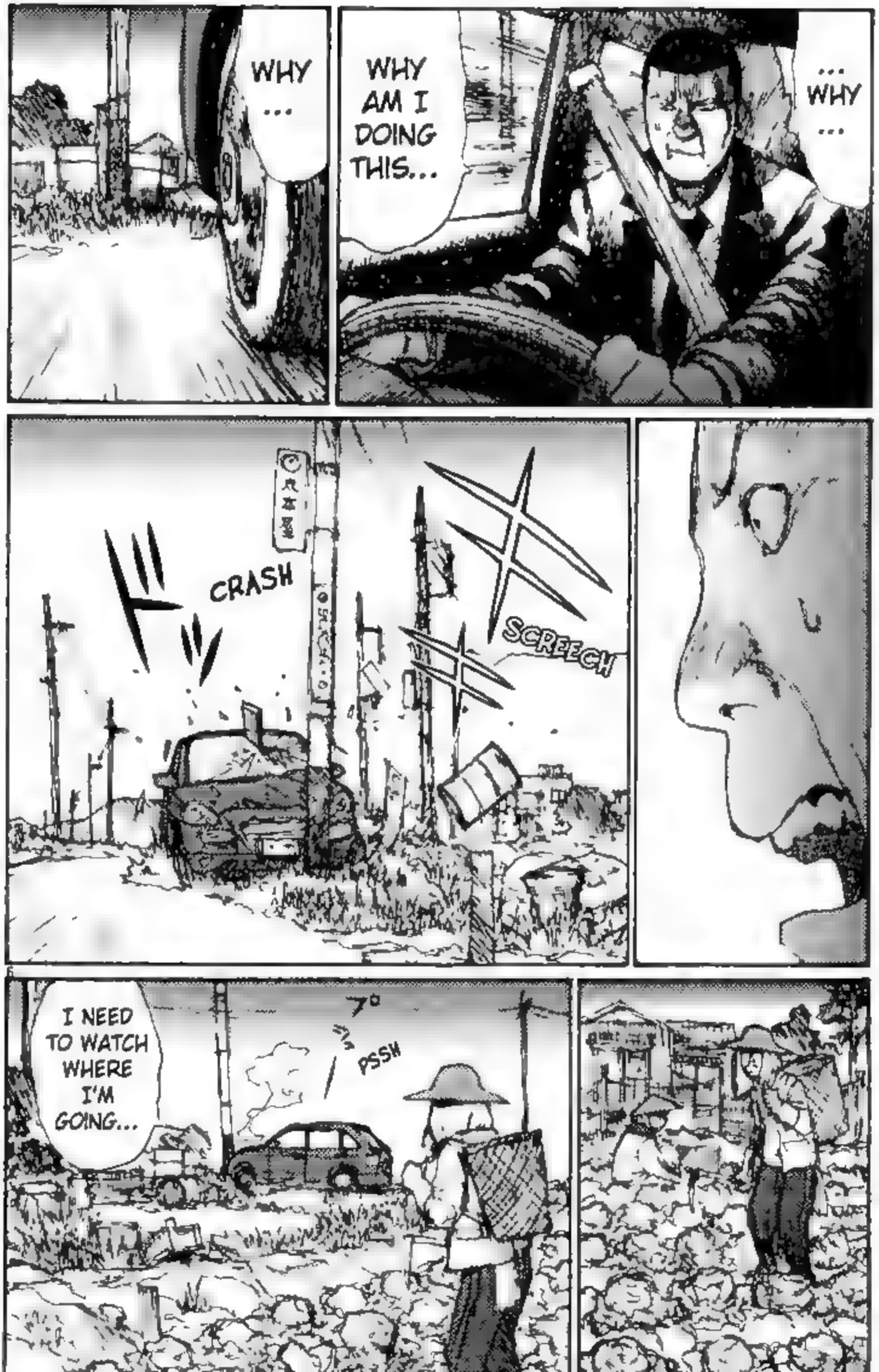
IDE?
HUH?
WHAT SHOULD I DO, IDE?
TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING?!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, IDE!?
HE MUST BE DRUNK AGAIN..
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
IDE!!
ARE YOU JUST GONNA LET ME DIE!?

I'M GOING HOME FIRST ...
I DON'T KNOW ...
VROOM
YOU'RE ABAN-DONING ME, IDE?!
WHAT THE HELL !?
W-- W--
COME BACK HERE, YOU BASTARD !!
THUNK
IDE !!



I DON'T UNDER-STAND ...
SHIT... WHY DO I FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS...
VRR

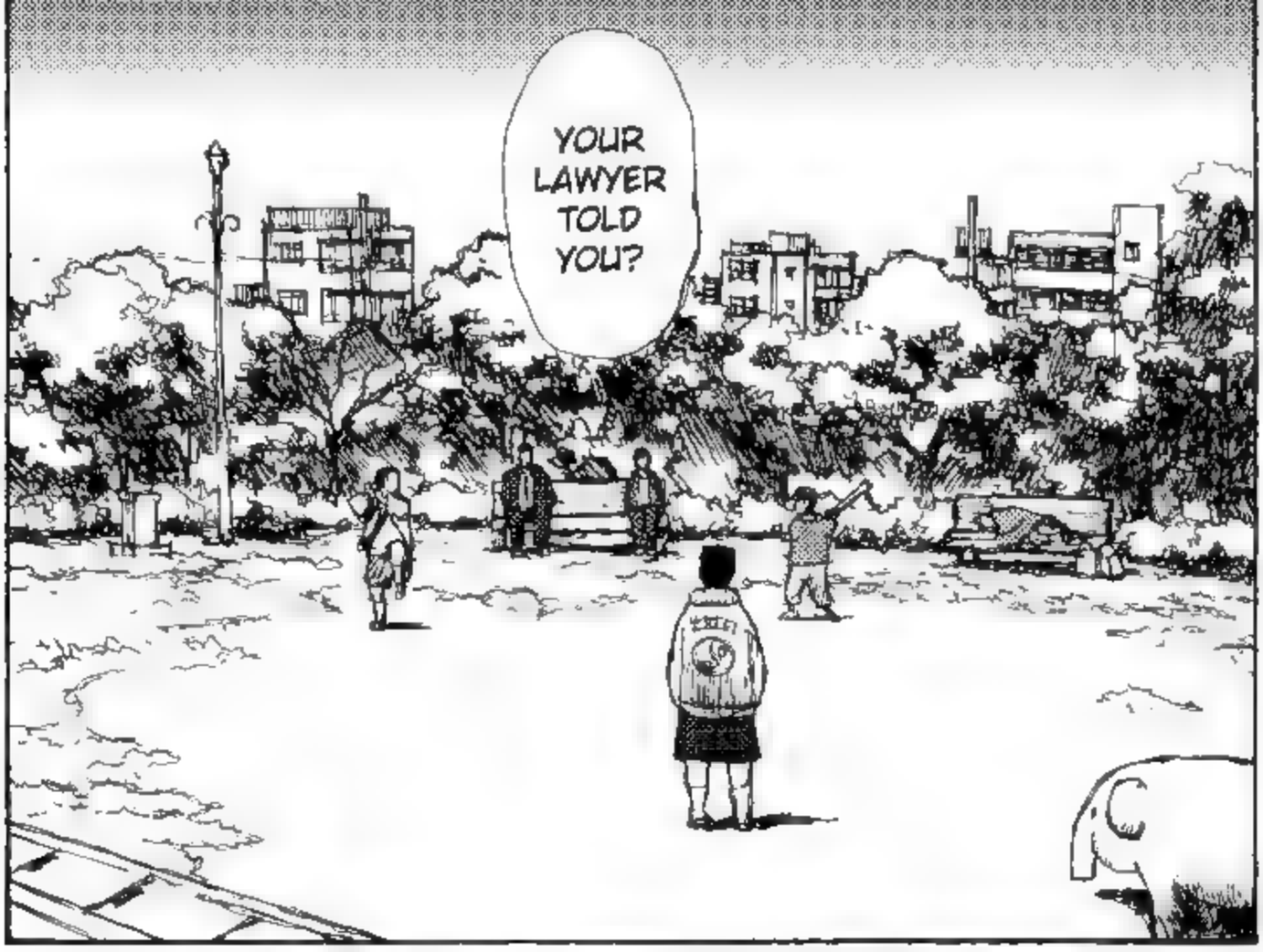

BUT THEN AGAIN, WHAT HAS HE DONE FOR ME...
BECAUSE ... WE'RE FRIENDS ...?
PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE FOR THAT IDIOT ...
WHY SHOULD I HELP TERA-JIMA...


WHY ...
WHY AM I DOING THIS...
... WHY ...
CRASH
SCREECH
I NEED TO WATCH WHERE I'M GOING...
PSSH

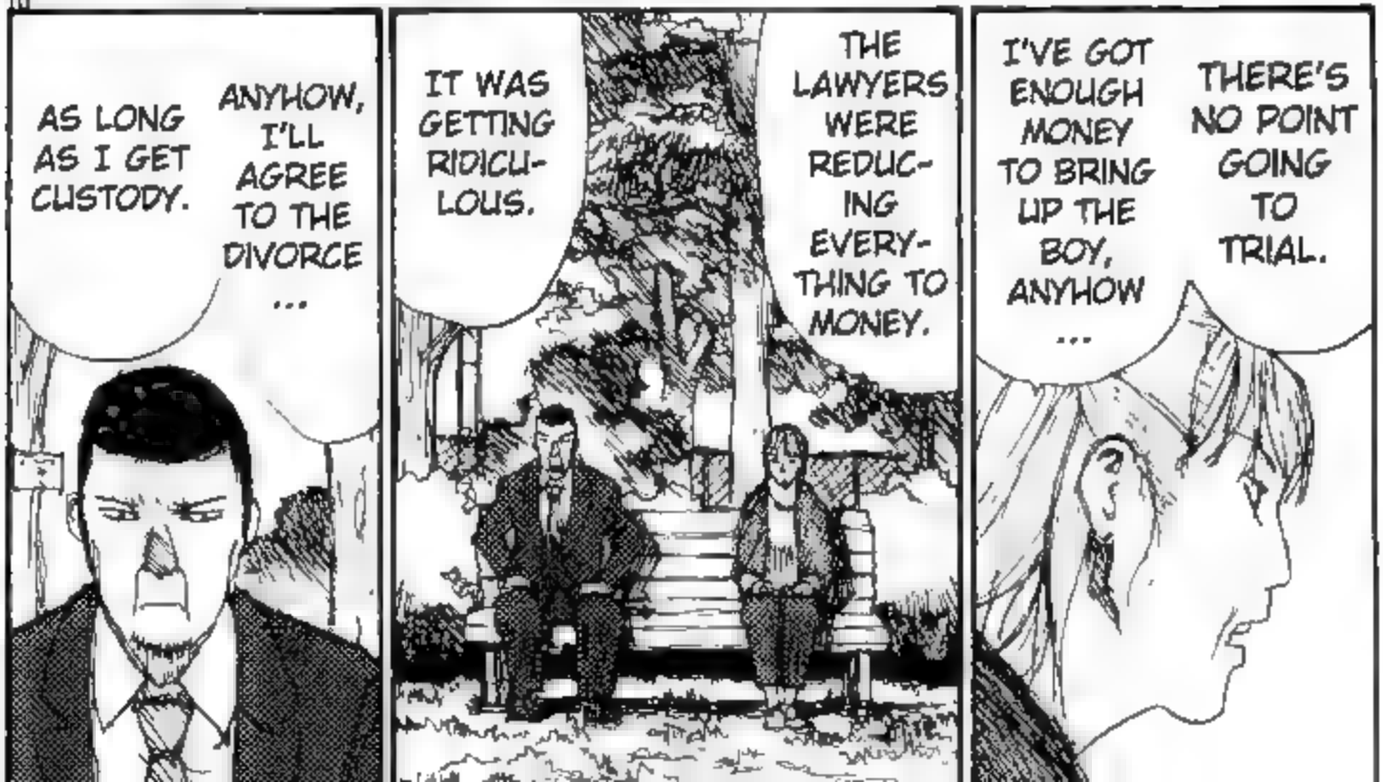
DIDN'T FREAK OUT LIKE THAT...
MR. KATADA ...
WOULD YOU ABANDON TERA-JIMA?
HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO FOR SOMEONE ELSE...
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DIE, MR. KATADA...
AHH... SURE.
YES?
RIIIING RIIIING

AHH ...
OH NO, I JUST GOT A CALL FROM YOUR WIFE'S LAWYER, YOU SEE.
Coffee House KUDLICK
8
I DON'T KNOW !
.... BUT WHY?
DOESN'T WANT ANY DIVORCE SETTLE-MENT OR CHILD SUPPORT.
SHE DROPPED ALL HER DEMANDS.
IT'S MY BIGGEST VICTORY EVER! WAHAHA HAHA..
BUT MY TACTICS WORKED !

HAVE A GOOD DAY!
GOOD-BYE!
GOOD-BYE!
.....
YES, SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
HAVE A GOOD DAY, MS NAOMI!


YOUR LAWYER TOLD YOU?

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHY...
YES... THAT'S WHY I CAME.


AS LONG AS I GET CUSTODY.
ANYHOW, I'LL AGREE TO THE DIVORCE ...
IT WAS GETTING RIDICU-LOUS.
THE LAWYERS WERE REDUC-ING EVERY-THING TO MONEY.
I'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BRING UP THE BOY, ANYHOW ...
THERE'S NO POINT GOING TO TRIAL.

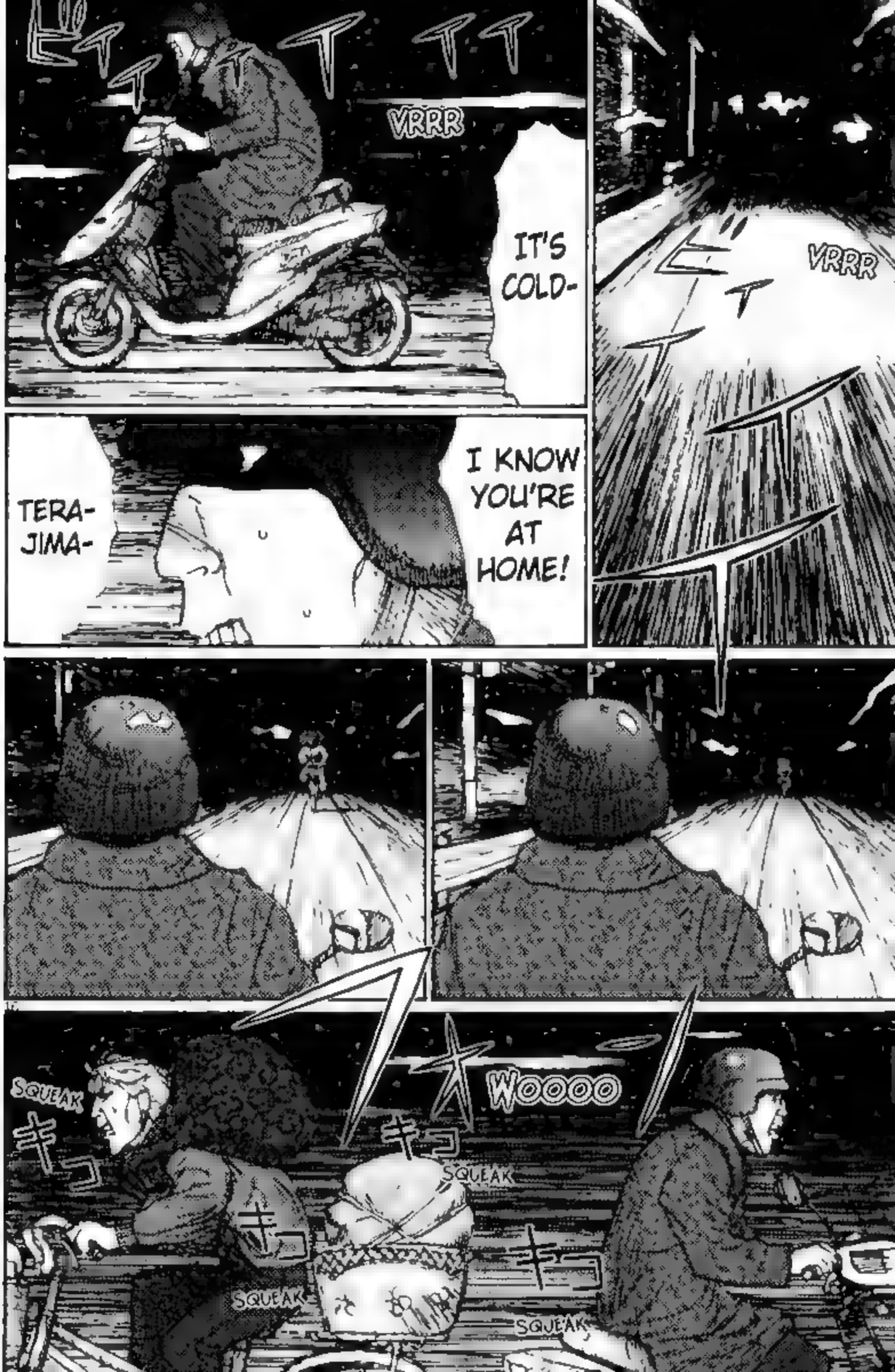
THERE WAS NO REASON TO WORK THINGS OUT.
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY.
I SEE.
.....
THINKING THAT IF I WORKED HARD, THINGS WOULD GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY USED TO BE...
BUT I ACTED AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW...
WHAT HAVE I BEEN LIVING FOR..
WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING ...
I HAD TO FACE UP TO REALITY ...
BUT THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF LIFE I CAN LIVE.
THERE'S NO MEANING TO ANY OF IT...
LOOKING BACK...

BUT YOU'RE ATONING FOR IT.
THUD
... YOU CAN'T SIMPLY CLOSE OFF THE PAST...
WHOOSH
THE PAST NEVER DISAPPEARS. THAT'S WHY THINGS CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE.
JUST LIKE THE TATTOOS ON YOUR BACK..
THE PAST IS SOME-THING YOU HAVE TO CARRY WITH YOU...
I CAN SEE YOU'RE REALLY TRYING.
BUT I DON'T HATE YOU ANYMORE.

HASN'T BEEN IN VAIN
YOUR LIFE
WE CAN'T TURN BACK THE CLOCK, BUT IT STILL MEANT SOMETHING
IF YOU KEEP AT IT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WILL RECOGNIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE

I ONLY CARE ABOUT MYSELF ...
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
YOU WERE ALWAYS ABLE TO MAKE ME BELIEVE IN THINGS LIKE THAT...
LIKE KARMA, HUH...
I'M SURE YOU REALIZE THAT THE GOOD YOU DO WILL COME BACK TO AID YOU INDI-RECTLY...
EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO HELP ANYONE ELSE...
14
MEANT A LOT TO ME...
KO..
THWACK
THOSE 7 YEARS WITH YOU...

CLICK
CLICK
MR. KATADA NEVER NEEDED ANY-ONE'S HELP.
HE EVEN MADE HIS DEATH MEANING-FUL.
CLACK
THE PERSON AT THE NUMBER YOU JUST DIALED IS...
GEEZE, TERA-JIMA..
BEEP
ALL RIGHT.


VRRR
IT'S COLD-
VRRR
TERA-JIMA-
I KNOW YOU'RE AT HOME!
SQUEAK
WOOOO
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

HEY!
WHOOSH
.....
!
PANT
PANT
PANT
SMACK
WAAHH
!!
Where the hell are you going!?

I'M RUNNING AWAY.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS ?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
THUNK
I WILL SURVIVE!
I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO!
Miita's
How to Survive Anything 101
THE MOUN-TAINS.
WHERE TO?
YOU DON'T HAVE MANY OPTIONS.
ENOUGH OF YOUR BULL SHIT.
AHH!
Kick

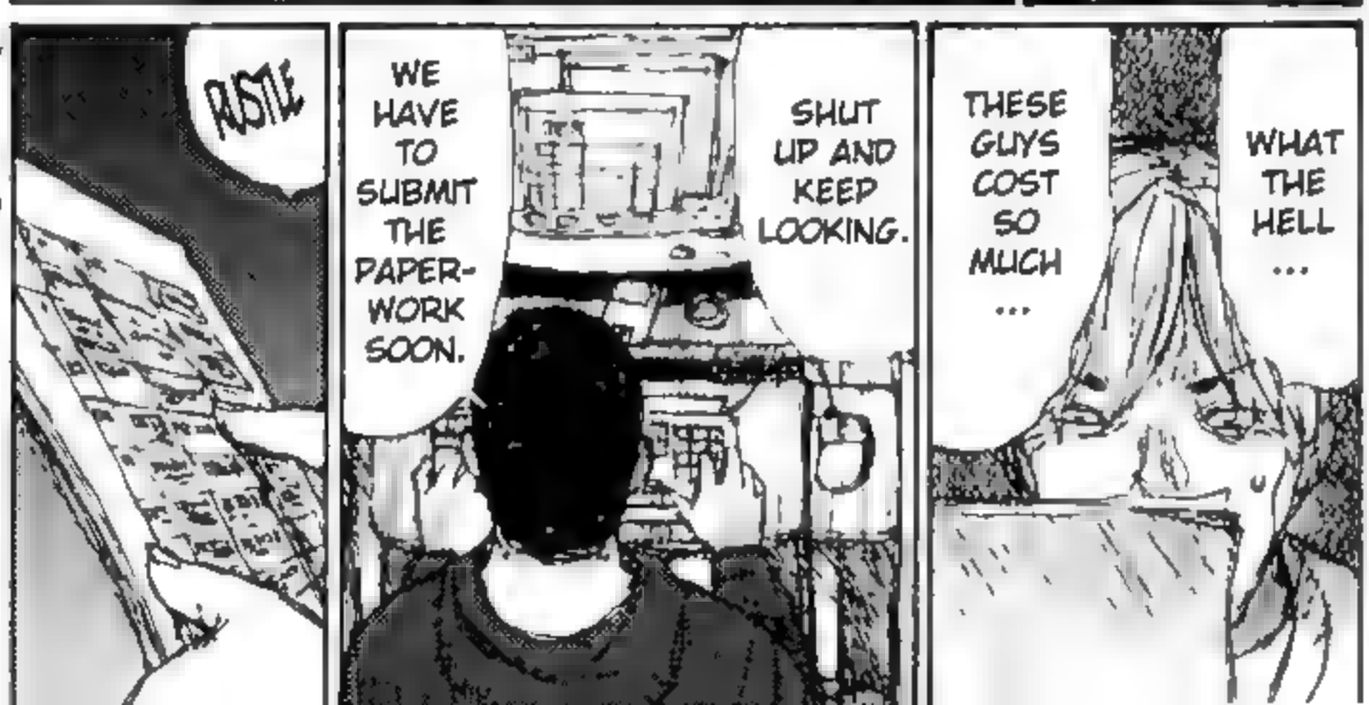
OR WAIT FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND TAKE A CHANCE AT LIFE.
IF YOU RUN, THE POLICE WILL HUNT YOU DOWN AND THROW YOU IN A PRISON CAMP WHERE YOU'LL DIE A MISERABLE DEATH.
EEK!
EITHER WAY, I DIE...
I'M NOT GOING UP AGAINST A PROFESSIONAL ENFORCER.
HEH HEH... NEITHER OPTION SOUNDS GOOD.
RIGHT NOW, YOU DON'T EVEN DESERVE DEATH!!
DO YOU THINK I'LL JUST LET YOU DIE LIKE THAT?!

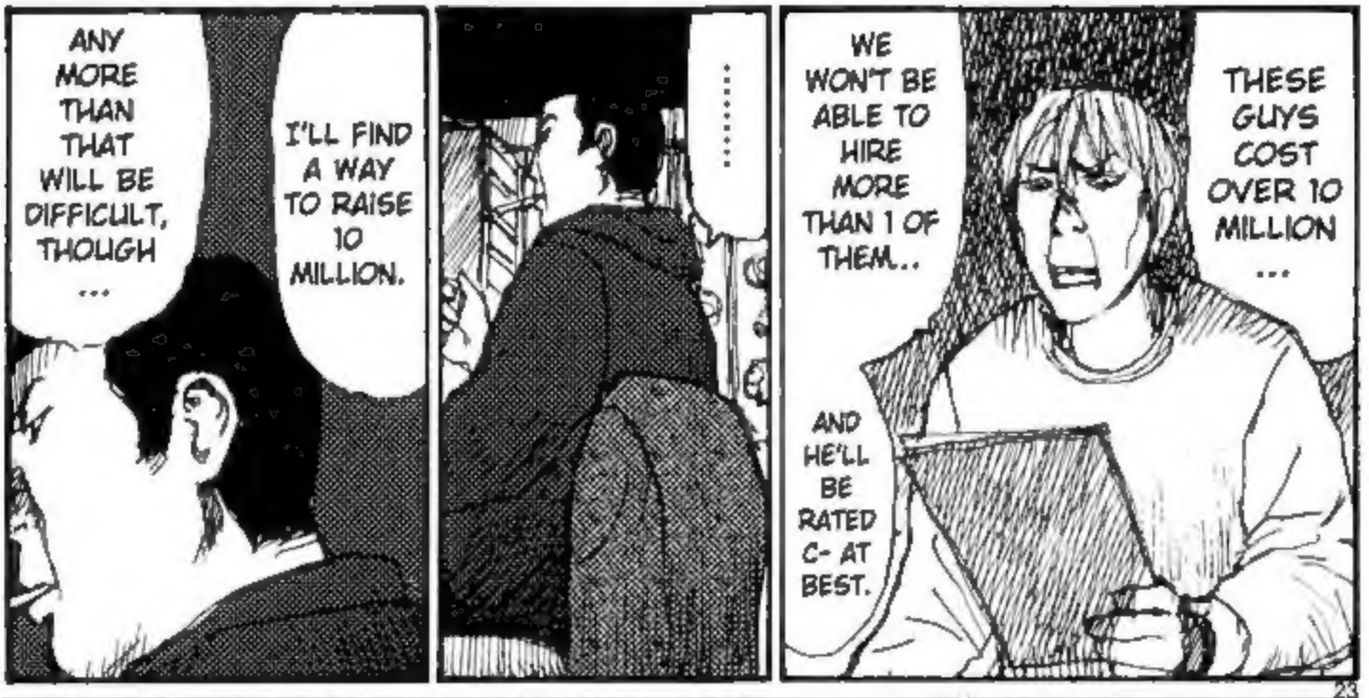
EVEN IF A WORTHLESS PIECE OF SHIT LIKE
LISTEN! NO ONE WILL CARE...
IT'LL MEAN NOTHING TO
KATADA, THE
YOU SHOULD
THE PEOPLE YOU KILLED AND THEIR
AND
THINK BACK ON WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

THUD
GOT IT!?
I'M DOING THIS FOR EVERYONE ELSE AROUND YOU.
I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR YOU.

I'VE GOTTEN A LIST OF BODY-GUARD AGEN-CIES.
UGH... MY NECK'S ALL STIFF.
WAKE UP!
HEY TERA-JIMA!
LOOK FOR SOMEONE WE CAN HIRE WITH THAT KIND OF MONEY.
THAT'S 6.2 MILLION AND 1, 200 YEN.
MR. KATADA HAD 4 MILLION, I'VE SAVED UP 2. 2 MILLION, AND YOU'VE GOT 1,200 YEN. THAT MAKES 6.2 MILLION.
WHIRR

NOTE: 6,200,000 YEN -> USD$ 56,000




ANY MORE THAN THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT, THOUGH ...
I'LL FIND A WAY TO RAISE 10 MILLION.
.....
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HIRE MORE THAN 1 OF THEM..
AND HE'LL BE RATED C- AT BEST.
THESE GUYS COST OVER 10 MILLION ...

NOTE: 10,000,000 YEN -> USD$ 91,000

IDE
...
03...
LET'S SEE... IWAO BODY-GUARD COMPANY ...
AHH... YEAH.
WHAT? START CALLING.
24
BEEP
BEEP
Calling...
BEEP
BEEP

(WALL:) DIE DIE DIE DIE DIE

FREESIA 6 END